

*Raising Student Aspirations: Classroom Activities for Grades 6-8*

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*Raising Student Aspirations* invites its readers to explore a variety of strategies to make the middle school classroom both affective and engaging. According to the book's introduction, students can achieve and flourish when eight conditions are incorporated into the classroom. These include belonging, heroes, sense of accomplishment, fun and excitement, curiosity and creativity, spirit and adventure, leadership and responsibility, and confidence to take action. Each of the book's eight chapters features a series of ready-to-use activities for teachers, ideal for an advisory setting. *Raising Student Aspirations* would be a great resource for middle school teachers seeking to build strong relationships with students in order to inspire them to achievement.

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