

TRUST, COLLABORATION, AND SUPPORT: THE FOUNDATIONS OF A SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP

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The relationship between a school head and a teacher is a crucial aspect of the educational system that can significantly impact the school's and its students' success. A positive and productive relationship can improve both parties' communication, collaboration, and overall job satisfaction.

Effective communication is essential for building a positive and productive professional relationship between a school head and a teacher. Clear and open communication helps establish expectations, identify challenges, and facilitate problem-solving. For example, a school head might schedule regular meetings with a teacher to discuss instructional goals, provide feedback, and address concerns. This helps ensure that both parties are on the same page and working toward a common goal.

Another critical aspect of the professional relationship between a school head and a teacher is trust. Teachers must trust that the school head has their best interests in mind and is committed to supporting their professional growth and development. Conversely, school heads must trust that teachers are working to the best of their abilities and are committed to the success of their students. Building trust can take time, but it is essential for a healthy and productive working relationship.

Collaboration is another crucial element of the professional relationship between a school head and a teacher. By working together, teachers and school heads can identify areas of strength and weakness in the school's instructional program and develop strategies for

improvement. Collaboration can also foster a sense of shared ownership and investment in the school's and its students' success.

Strategies for building a positive and productive professional relationship between a school head and a teacher include:

- Establishing clear expectations.
- Providing regular feedback and support.
- Creating collaboration and professional development opportunities.

For example, a school head might establish a mentorship program for new teachers, provide opportunities for teachers to attend professional development workshops, or facilitate peer observation and feedback sessions.

Ultimately, the professional relationship between a school head and a teacher is critical to a successful and effective educational system. By establishing clear expectations, fostering open communication, building trust, and promoting collaboration and professional development, school heads and teachers can work together to improve the quality of instruction and the success of their students.

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