

The evidence piece I chose for this TRB standard is the website I co-created for our Education Expo station. My group gathered different web resources, apps, and activities that would be helpful to beginning teachers to develop positive relationships in the classroom. Since we learn about how important relationships are in order for students to trust, respect, and feel comfortable, we thought it would be really beneficial to build a website that beginning teachers could refer to. During the Education Expo, I learned that there is so much to learn and that we cannot possibly learn everything on our own. When educators all contribute to the profession and we can learn from each other rather than on our own, it is much easier to absorb all of the information. The website we built shows that we contributed to the profession by sharing what we created with others and answering any questions they may have had.

Although my evidence piece does not address a specific learning theory, it does address the approach to teaching and learning that has been constantly emphasized in my classes, which is that relationships are important for student learning. Without forming relationships with each student, they will not trust the teacher, and likely will not be motivated to learn. On the other hand, if teachers take the time to get to know their students, they will feel physically and emotionally safe to learn in the classroom.

One strength of my evidence piece is that I shared the website with my peers so that they can use and refer to it when they become teachers on call. I hope that as people start to use the website, I will receive feedback on the posted content and I can make the necessary changes to the website based on the experience of others. In other words, this will be an ongoing project that I will continue to share with educators throughout my career.

I think this TRB standard is important because it benefits everyone involved. When you help other educators, it solidifies your own learning, but others also gain knowledge from it. As a pre-service teacher, I think it is really important to learn from others who are already working in the field to learn about what works and what doesn't work. I also think this standard is important because we all want to be competent, effective teachers working in the field. If the process can be fast tracked by helping one another rather than having new teachers start everything from scratch, the results will greatly benefit the students.

As I gain more experience in the teaching profession, I plan to support new teachers by becoming a sponsor teacher. I also think it is important to share resources and collaborate with other teachers, which will be ongoing throughout my career. I believe that in all professions, there is always an element of learning and improving. Even when I become a more established teacher, I am sure that there will still be things that I need to learn and improve upon. If I can share my expertise and learn from others, I will ultimately improve my knowledge, skills, and attitude about teaching and learning.