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Convergence of Psychology with Education: Growth Mindset



A classroom where students ...

- Believe they are capable of learning to a high level
- Are eager to embrace and master challenging material
- See struggle and mistakes as part of learning

From Psychology to Education

- A growth mindset is the belief that intellectual abilities are not fixed, but can be developed.
- It's an idea that we developed and researched within psychology, but over time we turned our focus to education.

Students' Growth Mindsets: An Example from Our Research

Teaching a growth mindset to students produced:

- An increase in grades for lower achievers
- An increase in advanced math courses (across achievement levels)

See Yeager et al. (2017), *Nature*.

Students' Growth Mindsets: OECD/PISA

Students' growth mindset predicted:

- Higher achievement scores
- Greater well-being
- A greater boost in achievement for under-served or vulnerable students

See “Sky’s the Limit,” the OECD report on growth mindset.

Teachers and Their Practices: An Example from Our Research

- Gain in grades where teacher practices supported students' growth mindset beliefs and behaviors

Teachers and Their Practices: OECD/PISA

- Growth mindset predicted a greater boost in achievement when teachers:
 - showed an interest in all students' learning
 - taught a topic until all students understood it
 - provided individual help when a student had difficulty

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- What are the kinds of practices that create these classrooms?

Has there ever been a more important
time?