

Is Disclosure a good thing?

- Studies say, generally, yes!
- Self-disclosure improves student feedback.
- Creates an atmosphere of relationship and trust.

What level of Disclosure is good?

- Certainly depends on your comfort level.
- Depends on circumstances.
- May be determined by curriculum or class make-up.

Basic Information

- Public domain sort of information.
- Birthday, anniversary, home town, etc.
- Nothing that can be used against you later!

Personal Information



- Marital or dating status (and history)
- Information about your kids.
- Family information
- Your hopes and dreams

The Real Dirt!



- Illegal activities
- Emotionally charged items from your present or past

Guidelines to Follow



- Don't reopen wounds you aren't prepared to discuss or handle.
- Remember that disclosure is only valuable if it leads to positive behaviors or learning from your students or if it creates an environment more conducive to learning or sharing.

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- Your students aren't your counselors!
- You can disclose without losing professional distance, but be careful.

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Disclosure and Technology



- Twitter
- Social networks (MySpace, Facebook, etc.)
- Text messages
- Blogs

Concluding thoughts....

- Sharing is good
- Being a pedophile or a student stalker is bad!
- In the end, disclosure is to benefit your students, not you! Assess your motives.



Plan your work, Work your plan!

- Use the attached worksheet to determine your plan for self-disclosure.
- Plan what you will disclose and what lesson that disclosure will be associated with.
- Evaluate how it worked. Some items you may change or remove from your list. That's fine.



Thank you for your attention.

Questions?



Things I will share:

Disclosure	Lesson context	Assessment