

Salish Kootenai College

***These Six Things* Professional Learning Community Course**

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Course Description:

This course will examine Dave Stuart Jr.'s research-based book *These Six Things* which focuses on six areas of professional practice in order to build sustainable, high-impact classroom environments. Additionally, class participants will simultaneously complete Dave Stuart Jr.'s online Student Motivation Course, which reinforces key ideas from the book. In the class, participants will set a clear goal for what they are working to accomplish in their classroom; learn about a powerful, beliefs-based approach to analyzing and improving student motivation; practice practical interventions and strategies for reaching poorly motivated kids; build robust, meaningful knowledge-building practices for their classrooms; and work to properly frame reading, writing, speaking and listening in their content area as well as create efficient and successful ways to assess student mastery.

In the Student Motivation Course portion of the class, teachers will be working to develop a practice that inspires student motivation. This course will help build the framework for how to engage ALL students so that they can work with care, engagement and effort. The course is built on the evidence-informed premise that, in order for our students to flourish long-term, they need to be motivated from the inside-out. Toward that goal, the Student Motivation Course explores the **five key beliefs** underlying student motivation:

1. **Credibility:** I have a good teacher.
2. **Belonging:** People like me belong in classes like this.
3. **Effort:** I can improve my knowledge and skills through effort.
4. **Efficacy:** I can succeed at the challenges this class presents.
5. **Value:** This work matters to me.

To truly motivate students to do the work, teachers don't have to be miracle workers or workaholics. Teachers just need to understand the five key beliefs of student motivation, and apply actual strategies to influence each one.

Classes will be held on the following Saturdays on Salish Kootenai College Campus: October 26, November 16, December 14 and February 1st. There will be additional homework assignments and coursework completed outside of class. Upon completion of the course, participants will receive 40 CEU hours or 4 CEU units.

<https://davestuartjr.teachable.com/p/smc-4/>

These Six Things Course Syllabus

Required Materials:

Text: Dave Stuart Jr.'s *These Six Things*

Online Course: Dave Stuart Jr.'s Student Motivation Course

First Class Pre-Reading: Chapters 1 & 2 *These Six Things*

October 26th: Part I

- *These Six Things*: Review, Discuss, Practice concepts from Chapters 1 & 2
- Student Motivation Course Module I: Foundations of Student Motivation

HW: Student Motivation Course Module 2: Teacher Credibility
Read: Chapters 3 & 4 *These Six Things*

November 16th: Part II

- *These Six Things*: Review, Discuss, Practice concepts from Chapters 3 & 4
- Review and Discuss Module 2
- Teach Module 3: Belonging

HW: Student Motivation Course Module 4: Effort
Read Chapters 5 & 6 *These Six Things*

December 14th: Part III

- *These Six Things*: Review, Discuss, Practice concepts from Chapters 5 & 6
- Review and discuss Module 4
- Introduce and teach Module 5: Efficacy

HW: Student Motivation Course Module 6: Value
Read Chapters 7 & 8 *These Six Things*

February 1st: Part IV

- *These Six Things*: Review, Discuss, Practice concepts from Chapters 7 & 8
- Review and discuss Module 6
- Introduce and teach Module 7: Bringing it all Together
- Poster Session with Actionable Integration of *These Six Things*