

Assess Your Understanding of How Poverty Affects Student Achievement

1. Have you ever concluded that a student just “isn’t good” at a particular subject or lesson? Why did you believe this? What efforts did you make to help the student overcome the challenge?

2. What goals do you usually set for yourself and your students? Are they ambitious, or are they goals you already know you or your students can achieve?

3. What are your strategies for giving students feedback on their work? What do you do to ensure students know what they need to do to improve their learning outcomes?

4. How do you approach students who struggle to keep up with a class or topic? How do you help them overcome doubt or frustration when they struggle with their work?

5. In what ways do you think poverty affects your students’ belief in their own ability to achieve? What strategies do you already use to raise expectations for these students?
