

6 Culturally Responsive Brain Rules



Attention drives learning.



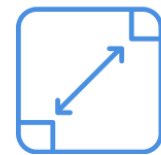
Positive relationships keep our safety-threat detection system in check.



The brain physically grows through challenge and stretch, expanding its ability to do more complex thinking and learning.



Culture guides how we process information.



All new information must be coupled with existing funds of knowledge in order to be learned.



The brain seeks to minimize social threats and maximize opportunities to connect with others in the community.

We need to create environments for ELLs to feel safe so they can relax, let go of any stress, and turn their attention to learning.