



**believed  
and  
practiced**

**HERE**

# Leading with Hope | Dr. Shane Lopez

Hope | **The ideas and energy we have for the future:**

- Hope drives effort, academic achievement, credits earned, and retention of students of all ages.
- **Hope is more predictive of academic success than traditional measures**
- Hope items correlate positively with academic achievement and predict academic success in college better than high school GPA and ACT/SAT.

# Professor Einstein



*We can't solve  
today's problems  
by using the same  
kind of thinking we  
used when we  
created them.*



# Universal Truth # 1

- **Children/youth succeed when they are surrounded by adults who believe they can succeed, NO EXCEPTIONS!**



# What adults working with kids are telling us...

- 53% believe all children can succeed no matter what
- 13% believe their colleagues also believe all children can succeed no matter what
- 5% believe parents and the community believe all children can succeed no matter what



# Universal Truth # II

- Children/youth succeed when they have meaningful and sustainable relationships with caring adults



# What adults working with kids are telling us...

- 50% believe it is a priority in their school that children have a meaningful relationship with the adults on campus





Ace of Hearts  
Anchor/Parent

Responsible for a child's physical and emotional well being 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year in an unconditional loving way.

Give this ace to your own children-- remind them how important they are.

Only an Anchor Parent can give this Ace



Ace of Clubs  
Other Caring Adults

*All three criteria must be met to check this box*

1. You have known the child/youth for at least eight weeks.
2. You can describe at least three very positive characteristics/skills or talents which you believe this child possesses.
3. You believe this child feels comfortable asking for your assistance.



Ace of Spades  
High Expectations

*All four criteria must be met to check this box*

1. You have known this child/youth for at least eight weeks.
2. You feel you believe in this child/youth sometimes even more than he/she believes in himself
3. You sense that you are one of the "go to" adults this child may contact if they wish to discuss a problem/issue beyond an academic subject.
4. You have a very good sense as to this child's/youth's experiences during the non school hours (i.e. a sense of their home life/community life).



Ace of Diamonds  
Opportunities to Succeed

*All three criteria must be met to check this box*

1. You have given this child opportunities to succeed and have acknowledged their success.
2. When this child is with you they feel a sense of achievement, are valued and appreciated.
3. This child succeeds in your classroom/program or organization.



On-line ACES Tracking



# Universal Truth # III

- Children/youth succeed when they can articulate their future in more than one destination

*Being able to visualize a future is  
“mental time travel” and that creates hope.*



# ***HOPE***

- *The ability to visit your future-*

*home & family; education & career;  
community & service; hobbies &  
recreation*

*return to the present and  
prepare yourself for the  
journey*





# Recipe for the Future! ♥

1 cup of "try it"

allie

5 million "Don't give ups"

3 cups of your personality

Mix it with your favorite  
hopes and dreams.

Yield = 1 awesome future



TO me being a kid at hope means. We are a bully-free school. We all believe in our self. And that we all have goals in life that we try to reach for everyday.

Keyera



# Hope is a Learned Skill

It is not a feeling...

...but a strategy

It is not wishful thinking...

...but a science