



**Table 4. Teachers' Use of School Connectedness Strategies Based on Feeling Positively Connected to Students**

Item	Positively Connected	Not Positively Connected	F	P
	M (SD)	M (SD)		
Use strategies to get your students connected in your class	4.66 (.677)	4.20 (1.033)	4.324	0.038
Offer praise to your students	4.95 (.298)	4.80 (.422)	2.286	0.132
Call students by their first names	4.98 (.158)	5.00 (.000)	.143	0.706
Use icebreakers to get students to know one another	3.08 (1.212)	2.60 (1.506)	1.509	0.220
Smile when teaching in class	4.95 (.227)	4.60 (.699)	19.015	<0.001
Use humor when interacting with students	4.90 (.322)	4.50 (.850)	12.834	<0.001
Encourage student discussion in class	4.84 (.387)	4.70 (.675)	1.141	0.286
Spend time engaging students in conversations about their daily lives	4.59 (.592)	3.90 (1.101)	12.271	0.001
Try to relate to your students and get to know them better	4.79 (.471)	4.20 (.919)	14.241	<0.001
Try to show your students that you respect them	4.95 (.233)	4.70 (.483)	10.212	0.002
Actively listen to your students when they are speaking to you	4.97 (.184)	4.70 (.675)	15.716	<0.001
Show your students that you care about them	4.92 (.276)	4.80 (.422)	1.901	0.169
Tell your students that you care about them	4.47 (.686)	4.20 (1.135)	1.385	0.240
Provide students with opportunities to show responsibility in the classroom	4.75 (.535)	4.50 (.850)	2.106	0.148
Try to act as a positive role model for students	4.98 (.147)	4.80 (.422)	11.855	0.001
Allow students to make low-level decisions in class	4.49 (.748)	4.30 (1.059)	.592	0.442
Set high expectations for achievement	4.92 (.287)	4.70 (.949)	4.647	0.032
Set rules for students to show respect to one another	4.87 (.566)	4.60 (.966)	2.109	0.147
Enforce rules of student respect	4.97 (.176)	4.60 (.966)	24.402	<0.001
Use cooperative learning in class	4.28 (.724)	3.90 (1.449)	2.465	0.117
Divide students into small groups in class	4.25 (.729)	3.80 (1.398)	3.514	0.062
Make small talk with students before/after class	4.84 (.436)	4.30 (.823)	14.057	<0.001
Share personal stories or experiences during class to try to reach students	4.56 (.584)	4.30 (.823)	1.910	0.168
Encourage students to share their feelings	4.49 (.682)	4.10 (1.101)	3.093	0.080
Encourage and motivate your students to do their best in class	4.95 (.219)	4.60 (.699)	19.723	<0.001
Involve parents in student activities (such as homework assignments)	3.88 (1.030)	4.00 (1.247)	.136	0.713
Encourage students to talk to their parents	4.14 (.871)	3.90 (1.101)	.733	0.393
Encourage students to get positively involved in their community	3.46 (1.067)	3.10 (1.449)	1.055	0.305

N = 370 teachers; Missing values excluded from analyses. Means based on a 5-point scale (1 = Never; 2 = Less than once a month; 3 = Once a month or more; 4 = Once a week or more; 5 = Everyday).