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# Defining learning objectives

## WHAT IS THIS RESOURCE?

A selection of literature resources discussing the impact of clarifying learning objectives on student learning.

**Friedman, M., Harwell, D., & Schnepel, K. (2006). *Effective instruction: a handbook of evidence-based strategies*(pp. 35-7). Columbia, S.C.: Institute for Evidence-Based Decision-Making in Education.**

Defining instructional expectations is positively related to student achievement.

**Mayer, R. E., & Alexander, P. A. (2016). *Handbook of research on learning and instruction* (2nd ed.) (p. 301). New York: Routledge.**

Contains an interesting discussion of how setting goals can impact not just students, but also instructors.