

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR THE VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

4 Steps to Foster Student Engagement

1. Build a Community of Learners
2. Establish Effective Classroom Management
3. Plan for Collaboration in Flexible Groups
4. Develop Questioning and Discussion

Hentz and Vacchio, 2020



BUILD A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

To learn about individual student needs, strengths, interests, and challenges

Module on Supporting Families During COVID-19

<https://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/module/c19/cresource/q1/p02/#content>

Using Pictures to Share What is Happening During Pandemic

<https://www.edutopia.org/video/student-photographers-document-history-during-pandemic>

Examples of Reflective Student Practices

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QxG27B-CPAy1FXI7QcAleMkn3ynga7IQY-2MvYCaPmg/edit>

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1R1nZLlbM9J74qNVKQXt6byZyoz7r5r8PTAtuSX48RDU/edit>

Virtual Spirit Week Ideas

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EUNQVjS-3N28qtcfV72ZnwXOEQlhm-jYdDPR5cPj1Pw/edit>

Bringing the Benefits of Your Morning Meetings Online

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/bringing-benefits-your-morning-meetings-online>

ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

To share ownership with the students when established procedures, routines, and behavioral expectations

10 Tips for Combating Frustration With Online Student Engagement from the CECommunity

http://pubs.cec.sped.org/10-tips-for-combatting-frustration-with-online-student-engagement-from-the-cecommunity/?utm_source=cec&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CECatalog&_zs=JXgSh1&_zl=KRCo6

Example Schedule for Families (establishing routines at home)

https://www.connectionsacademy.com/Portals/4/ca/documents/pdfs/tips/RESOURCE_%20Learning_at_Home-Sample_Daily_Schedules.pdf

Family Guide to at Home Learning

<https://cedar.education.ufl.edu/family-guide-to-at-home-learning/>

How to do the Feedback Loop in Distance Learning

<https://www.teachingchannel.com/blog/feedback-loop-distance-learning>

Celebrating Student Successes During Online Learning

<https://blog.edgenuity.com/celebrating-student-successes-in-online-learning/>

PLAN FOR COLLABORATIONS IN FLEXIBLE GROUPS

To empower students with strong communication skills and intentionally design active learning lessons for collaboration in groups

Enable Breakout Rooms

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206476093-Enabling-breakout-rooms>

<https://samuelmcneill.com/2020/04/08/creating-breakout-rooms-in-microsoft-teams-for-education-settings-with-meet-now/>

<https://theinnovativeeducator.blogspot.com/2020/05/creating-breakout-rooms-with-google-meet.html>

Group Projects

<https://www.pearsoned.com/group-projects-online-students-love/>

Lunch Time Read Alouds with Small Group

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/hints-how-read-aloud-group>

Include Paraprofessionals

<https://edplan.com/blog/post/utilizing-paraprofessionals-to-support-virtual-learning>

DEVELOP QUESTIONING AND DISCUSSION

To promote student and teacher generated questions to enrich student discussions

Creating Platform

<https://www.bookwidgets.com/blog/2017/05/20-fun-apps-to-put-your-students-smartphones-to-good-use>

Virtual Spin Wheel of Starter Questions

<https://wheeldecide.com>

Re-Framing Questions

<https://www.edutopia.org/discussion/reframing-questions-student-comprehension>

Questioning Before, During, and After Instruction

<https://www.schoolology.com/blog/importance-online-discussions-and-how-make-them-awesome>

Discussion Tools

<https://www.common sense.org/education/articles/5-online-discussion-tools-to-fuel-student-engagement>

Creating Purposeful Online Discussions

<https://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/cetl/docs/Online-Community-Building-Handout.pdf>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

College of Education/Chicago State University – Library of Webinars

<https://www.csu.edu/collegeofeducation/>

E-Learning Learning Webinar Library

<https://www.elearninglearning.com/virtual-classroom/webinar/>

ASCD Webinar Library

<http://www.ascd.org/publications/newsletters/education-update/may20/vol62/num05/Why-We-Need-Differentiation-Now-More-Than-Ever.aspx>

27 Proven Student Engagement Hacks to Try in Your Classroom

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/qr5e8ksu93ms6xs/27%20Proven%20Student%20Engagement%20Hacks%20To%20Try%20In%20Your%20Classroom.pdf?dl=0>

Planning for a Return to School IEPRC Padlet – Resources for Educators and Parents

<https://padlet.com/IEPRC/ReturntoSchool>