

# Ask the student what will help and consider a learner profile

A suggestion for implementing the strategy  
'Identify needs and how to provide support'  
from the Guide: [ADHD and learning](#)

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## Survey students

Ask students what supports their learning and what gets in the way.

I personally do a survey at the beginning of every class, every semester ... to get an idea of who is in the classroom to begin with and what they would benefit, or what they want to see in the class, what would work [and not work] for them.

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## Maximise the benefits of a learner profile

Learner profiles help teachers get to know students and what's important to them.

Encourage students to:

- ✓ express aspirations and passions
- ✓ address assumptions
- ✓ identify potential barriers to learning and wellbeing
- ✓ describe their accessibility and technology needs and preferences
- ✓ suggest beneficial teaching and learning approaches.

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# Let students personalise learner profiles



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# What to include in a learner profile

Discuss with the student and their whānau what to include a learner profile.

- ✓ Important people
- ✓ Cultural connections and experiences
- ✓ Languages spoken
- ✓ Things the student is good at
- ✓ Memorable life experiences
- ✓ How they like to unwind and relax
- ✓ Likes and interests
- ✓ Dislikes and things they avoid
- ✓ How they like to learn and what helps
- ✓ Things that make it hard for them to learn
- ✓ What they do when they need help

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## Examples of learner profiles



### Primary school learner profile

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## Useful resources



### Developing learner profiles

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