

# Match teaching methods to student preferences

A suggestion for implementing the strategy

'Design considerations in secondary settings'

from the Guide: [Universal Design for Learning](#)

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## Design for engagement

Wayne Robinson describes how the design of the physical environment "needs to be conducive to you making a connection".



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/225192007>

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## Ask students what can help

Katrina, a high school student with Down syndrome, makes recommendations for teachers that could be useful for all students.



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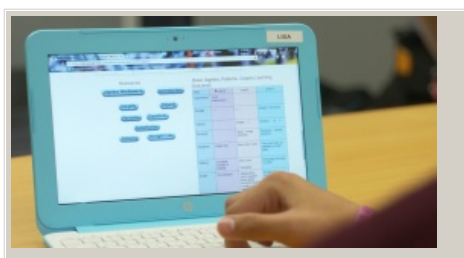
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## Offer online options

Noelene Dunn uses Google sites to provide her students with learning pathways and content they can personalise to suit preferences.



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<http://elearning.tki.org.nz/Teaching/Learner-agency/Digital-technologies-in-senior-secondary-school/Flexible-learning-using-Google-sites>

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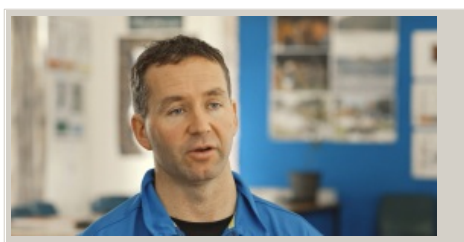
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## Teach for diversity

Wayne Robinson talks about how he expects and plans for the diversity in his classroom.



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## Reflection questions

Reflect on the following statements, then ask students to share their perspectives.

How do I create opportunities for students to connect learning to their culture, interests and things that matter to them?

How do I activate background knowledge and drawn attention to critical features in varied and flexible ways?

How do I ensure students have the supports, options, and challenges they need to demonstrate their understanding in ways that work for them?

How can I increase opportunities for students to use their first languages in learning?

In what ways could I provide students access to learning if they are absent from class?

How do I offer multiple opportunities for students to learn from and with others?

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## Useful resources



### Ask your students how you can become a better teacher

A blog post by Chrissie Butler from CORE Education. Chrissie provides questions and prompts for teachers to consider when designing learning environments.

[Visit website](#)



### UDL Strategies

This online resource provides suggestions and resources aligned to the UDL framework. Each checkpoint in the guidelines has a photo and description.

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