**Inclusive Education** 



# Match teaching methods to student preferences

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Design considerations in secondary settings' from the Guide: Universal Design for Learning

#### Includes:

Design for engagement Ask students what can help Offer online options Teach for diversity Reflection questions Useful resources

### **Design for engagement**

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



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Source: Ministry of Education, inclusive education videos (NZ) https://vimeo.com/album/2950799

#### 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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### 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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Source: Enabling e-Learning (NZ) http://elearning.tki.org.nz/Teaching/Learner-agency/Digitaltechnologies-in-senior-secondary-school/Flexible-learning-using-Google-sites

### **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?

#### **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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