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Provide flexible options to support student interest

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Provide multiple means of Engagement' from the Guide: Universal Design for Learning

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Overview

Explore the 'recruiting interest' guideline.

Recognise which approaches and strategies are already part of your practice.

Take note of anything you hadn't considered before.

Video hosted on Youtube http://youtu.be/atT5irSdsXo
Closed Captions

Source:
UDLA LACOE
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZMomkDLIkL-sWPoKTt-otQ

Support choice and autonomy

Students from Rototuna Junior High School describe what it's like to learn in a large, open, flexible environment.

Video hosted on Vimeo http://vimeo.com/225066847
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Source:
Ministry of Education, inclusive education videos (NZ)
https://vimeo.com/album/2950799/

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Increase relevance and value

Students are more likely to engage when they have the ability to make choices about:

- tools and resources they might use (digital and non-digital)
- methods to share their ideas and understanding
- subject content
- how they physically and virtually access an environment
- order of learning tasks
- when to sit assessments
- who they might access for help
- the process to finish or complete a task
- who they might work and collaborate with.

Minimise threats and distractions

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Reflection questions

How can I/we:

- Provide options and flexible pathways within tasks or a lesson?
- Involve all students in creating choices?
- Offer options that align with learning preferences and needs?
- Provide classroom activities and materials that students are able to personalise?
- Provide culturally relevant classroom activities, materials, and contexts?
- Offer multiple strategies to support problem solving?
- Introduce ideas and concepts in ways that capture students imagination?
- Create a safe and distraction free environment?
- Build flexibility into lessons to allow breaks?
- Collect ongoing student feedback in different ways to inform the design of lessons, resources, and materials?

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Useful resources

7 Budget-friendly ways to promote student engagement

Read time: 14 min

Seven practical suggestions supporting student engagement in the classroom. The excerpts are from Universal Design for Learning in Action by Whitney H. Rapp.

Publisher: Brookes Publishing

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5 ways to improve student voice and choice

Five practical suggestions to support student engagement in the classroom through student voice and choice.

Publisher: 4 O'Clock Faculty

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