

# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

STUDENTS CANNOT LEARN UNLESS THEY ARE ENGAGED IN WHAT IS BEING TAUGHT.

Enthusiastic Teacher



Use humor. Smile. Laugh. Vary your voice. Use music for movement and fun. Do something unexpected! Be enthusiastic! Share your love of learning.

Working with Peers



Allow group projects. Meet and confer (quick minute-partner discussions). Hold “board meetings.” Use “Think, Pair, Share.” Try a group game or jigsaw.

Movement



Move every 10-12 minutes. Stand and share. Review with movement games. Read standing up. “Go tell someone...” Engage in a thinkercise before a test.

Real-World Assignments



Connect problems/puzzles to students’ lives. Allow choice in an interest area. Do the “Friday folder” test. Experiment with project-based learning. Litmus test: Is this real work for a real audience?

Choices



Choice possibilities: where to sit, who to work with, which medium to use, how to demonstrate learning, and method in which to learn.

Visuals



Bring in cartoons, artifacts, videos, speakers, etc. Use variety in the tools you utilize. Use high-interest visuals that promote classroom conversations, allow students to create their own visuals.

Technology



Try responding on devices in small groups, work together to create in Google Docs, share visuals in Keynote.

Variety



Teach with movement and simulations. Try flipping your classroom for a lesson or two each week. Use short snippets of video. Try interactive games, jigsaws, questions on the board.