ONLINE COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

Enhancing Collaborative Learning Experiences

Collaboration VS. Cooperation

COLLABORATION

- Interdependent Focus
- Mutual Trust
- Long-Term
- Shared Values
- Generating New Ideas as a Team

COOPERATION

- Independent Focus
- Mutual Respect
- Short-Term
- Shared Goals
- Sharing Ideas with the Team

💡 **What types of collaboration and/or cooperation activities have I facilitated in the past?**

Collaboration Strategies

Individual Accountability

- Promote individual accountability by incorporating individual, partner, and whole-group tasks
- Use diverse ways for independent brainstorming and allow students to connect with peer ideas
- Assign roles to students
- Use surveys to promote student reflection on individual and team contributions

💡 **Can students identify their individual contribution to the team?**

Team Norms & Expectations

- Ensure teams understand the goals and expectations of the activity
- Discuss healthy teamwork strategies that promote productivity
- Focus on how teams will reach agreement
- Convey how individual students and teams will be supported

💡 **Are students prepared to work collaboratively and efficiently?**
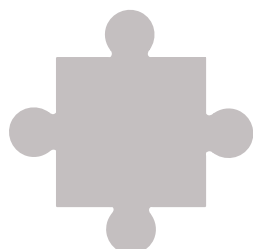
Productivity

- Demonstrate how teams can develop SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timely) goals for more efficiency
- Assign roles or allow students to split responsibilities to support productivity
- Intentionally plan synchronous work time to support collaborative thinking

💡 **Are students sharing responsibilities to support productivity?**

Communication

- Provide strategies to ensure communication is accessible and professional
- Demonstrate conflict resolution strategies teams can use when diverse perspectives are shared
- Identify options for efficient communication and collaboration (email, shared documents, etc.)

💡 **Are students able to effectively communicate?**

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