

# Strategies for Engaging Students in Blended and Online Learning

## Tips for Increasing Student Engagement

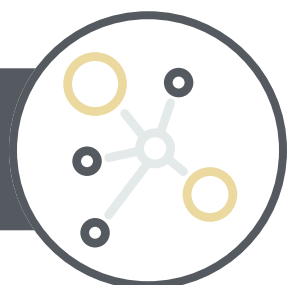
### 01 Use Multimedia



Students engage when they are presented with instruction that is multi-modal.

**Consider using** different forms of multimedia that pique students' attention and interest, such as animations, videos, pictures, polls, and music to make learning more **interactive** and **dynamic**.

### 02 Build Community



Learning communities promote a sense of camaraderie or togetherness as students contribute and demonstrate knowledge.

**Consider using** breakout rooms, discussion forums, collaborative documents, and other forms of group activities to **connect** students relationally and instructionally.

### 03 Make Real-World Connections



Help students connect learning to everyday life through relevant instruction and real-world application.

**Consider making** learning **fun, relevant,** and **connected** to real-world events, stories, and people through virtual field trips, virtual guest speakers, and connecting with students across the globe.

### 04 Gamify Student Interaction



Teachers can utilize game-like strategies to engage students in online environments.

**Consider using** a **game-based tool**, such as Kahoot!, to check for understanding or using a **random name picker**, such as the one from *classtools.net*, to engage students in online live videoconferencing sessions.

### 05 Encourage Growth



Modeling, promoting, and supporting a growth mindset leads to increased motivation and engagement.

**Consider using** low-stakes formative assessments to evaluate student progress regularly, identifying and **affirming student growth**.

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