

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

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What is Student Engagement?

- ❖ Student engagement is synonymous to : “being on task”. “participating”, “involved”, and “active in the learning process”.
- ❖ Engagement can be the difference between completing a degree and dropping out.

What strategies promote student engagement?

- There are many factors that promote engagement:

Student-Faculty interaction

Active Learning

Collaborative Learning

Extra-curricular activities

Student effort

Support for learners

Active Learning

- Students learn more when they are actively involved in their education and have opportunities to think about and apply what they are learning in different settings.
- Implementation Ideas:
 - Minute Paper
 - Challenging questions
 - Subject summaries
 - Use technology
 - Case Studies
 - Simulations, labs
 - Research/Independent Study

Collaborative Learning

- Through collaborating with others students develop valuable skills that prepare them to deal with the kinds of situations and problems they will encounter in the workplace.
- Implementation Ideas:
 - Group discussions
 - Brainstorming
 - Games
 - Debates
 - Group Work/Presentations
 - Role-Playing
 - Group Projects

Student Effort

- Students' own behaviors contribute to their learning and the likelihood that they will successfully attain their educational goals.
- Implementation Ideas:
 - Self-assessments
 - Multiple drafts
 - Award points
 - Tutorials/resource labs
 - Reinforce expectations
 - MOTIVATION**

Student-Faculty Interaction

- The more contact students have with their teachers, the more likely they are to learn effectively and persist toward achievement of their educational goals.
- Implementation Ideas:
 - Interact with enthusiasm
 - Treat Students as human beings
 - Show that you care
 - Communicate regularly
 - Try to get to know your students
 - Accentuate the positive
 - Discuss academic performance and grades
 - Share your experiences

Support for Learners

- Students perform better and are more satisfied at institutions that are committed to their success and cultivate positive working and social relationships among different groups on campus.
- Implementation Ideas:
 - Inform students about all the services and resources that are available
 - Assign students to group activities to provide opportunities for diverse students to interact.
 - Refer to Financial Aid or Academic Advising office when needed.
 - Invite support staff to your class (Library, writing lab, etc)

Self-Assessment

- Review the notes and try to recall activities, assignments or other ideas that you have implemented in your classroom to enhance student engagement.
- Let's share!!!!