



## Tips and Strategies to Promote Student Engagement

### **1) Tips and strategies for fostering motivation:**

- Expect engagement: talk privately to disengaged students, invite them to suggest activities that will achieve course or unit goals
- Develop and display the qualities of engaging teachers
- Use strategies to reward learning rather than behavior
- Use praise and criticism effectively
- Guide students to the basic-needs resources available in the campus so that they can focus on the higher-level needs
- Promote student autonomy
- Design activities and quizzes/assessment keeping the learning goals in mind
- Incorporate competition appropriately

### **2) Tips and strategies to promote active learning:**

- Be clear on your learning goals
- Clarify your role and orient your students to their new roles
- Activate prior learning
- Teach for retention and effective transfer
- Limit and chunk information
- Provide opportunities for guided practice and rehearsal
- Use rubrics to give your students frequent and useful feedback

### **3) Tips and strategies for building community:**

- Promote class civility
- Create a physical and online course environment that supports community
- Learn students' names and help students learn each other's names
- Use icebreakers to warm up the class
- Use technology to extend or reinforce community
- Be consciously inclusive
- Involve all students in discussion
- Use group work effectively

### **4) Tips and strategies for ensuring students are appropriately challenged:**

- Assess students' starting points
- Monitor class pacing
- Help students learn to self-assess
- Differentiate course elements to meet individual student needs
- Use scaffolding to assist in complex learning