

How to Deliver Engagement-Based Learning—and Why

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What Is Engagement-Based Learning?

When students are actively participating in lessons that are being presented by a teacher who is utilizing role-playing, props, music, games, and other forms of hands-on activities that bring content to life.



Reasons to Use Engagement-Based Learning?

- **Distractions** – instead of worrying about life's distractions, be the distraction from life!
- **Bringing lessons to life** – deliver experiences to your students.
- **Sharing new experiences with peers** – a social experience while learning.
- **Retaining information** – provide students with an unforgettable experience in the classroom.
- **Fun** – teachers are natural-born performers and it's time to get on stage!



Roles in Engagement-Based Learning

Teachers

- Preparation
- Leading
- Maintaining a safe environment
- Including paraprofessionals
- Challenging students
- Allowing others to contribute



Roles in Engagement-Based Learning

Students

- Be an active participant
- Respect materials/others
- Do their best and have FUN!



Ways I Engage My Students

- Guest speakers
- Cooking
- Music
- Props
- Role playing
- Games
- Videos



Roles in Engagement-Based Learning

Guest Speakers

- Army veteran when learning about wars
- Police officer when learning about Police Week
- Dental assistant when learning about hygiene
- General education teachers – guest teach

You can make this anything you want – have fun with it and don't be afraid to ask people in the community to come into your room!



Roles in Engagement-Based Learning

Cooking

- Themed recipes
- Visual supports
- Following directions
- Think outside the kitchen
- Social skills
- **Ideas:** Mug cakes, Dips, Pudding, Jell-O, Pancakes, Popcorn



Roles in Engagement-Based Learning

Music

- Brain breaks
- Increase content knowledge
 - Online searches
 - Write your own



Roles in Engagement-Based Learning

Props

- Items that are in stories, enhance learning, and bring content from a lesson directly into a student's hands.
- Examples:
 - Pinwheels - wind energy
 - Mini-golf set
 - Stethoscope - learning about heart
 - Wheelchair - push and pull
 - Burning candle - states of matter



Roles in Engagement-Based Learning

Role-Playing

- Social skills
 - Examples
 - Non-examples
- Interactive experience
 - Video diary
 - Olympics
 - School dance
 - School play



Roles in Engagement-Based Learning Videos

- Video tours
- Videos to introduce new topics/vocabulary
- Educational videos
- Brain breaks/music videos



Review

- Engagement-Based Learning is when students are actively participating in lessons that are being presented by a teacher who is utilizing role-playing, props, music, games, and other forms of hands-on activities that bring content to life.
- Reasons to use an Engagement-Based Approach:
 - Avoiding distractions
 - Sharing new experiences with peers
 - Retaining information
 - Fun



Review

- Teachers and students must know their roles
- Engage students by using guest speakers, cooking, music, props, role-playing, games, and videos.





Questions?

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