

Let's Do It! Creating A Digital Classroom That's Engaging!

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Objectives

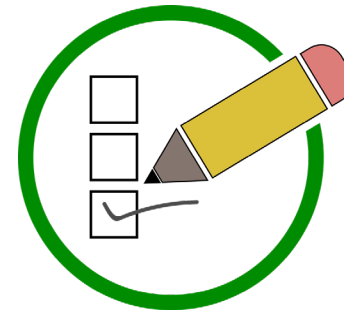


- Increase knowledge on student engagement
- Participate in effective practices that would deliver equitable learning for all students
- Effective Strategies for digital learning
- Share Resources

Digital Resources

Poll: How comfortable do you feel teaching digitally?

- A. Very comfortable
- B. Need a little more practice
- C. Getting by, but need help
- D. Completely lost

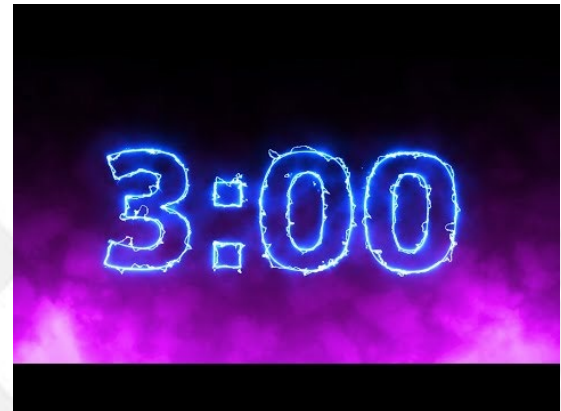


(You will see the poll question pop up on your screen. Please take a moment to select the option that best fits your situation.)

Discussion - Digital Engagement

Padlet #1

- Click on the link above, use the plus sign in the bottom right corner to add your response.
- Answer this question:
What does digital engagement mean to you?



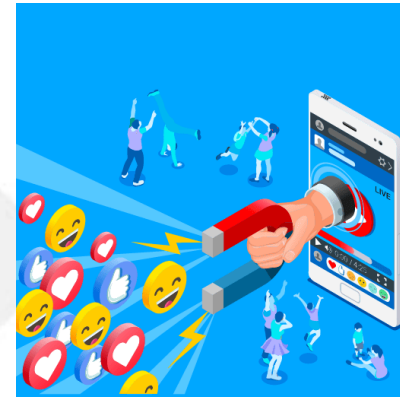
Digital Engagement

“Engaging students isn’t about entertainment. It’s about focusing on how to get students to care. It’s about adding a layer to the content so that they are motivated to understand concepts more independently.

And when they care about the material, they become less likely to need a letter grade to prove their knowledge. That’s right. Student engagement is the key to intrinsic motivation.”

Heather Wolpert-Gawron

[NEA Effective Engagement](#)





**KEEPING STUDENTS
ENGAGED
IN VIRTUAL SETTINGS**



Article

Four Strategies for Engaging Digital Learners



Strategy 1: Well Planned Lessons

- Focus on Standards
- Plan out questions and how you will incorporate digital pieces
- Know your students and their access
 - Will they have access to the tools to interact?
- How will you give formative assessments?
- Be flexible
 - Have a backup plan for your backup plan

Strategy 2: Peer Interaction & Collaboration

- Students learn from each other
 - Discussion Boards
 - Breakout Rooms
 - Kahoots/ Quizlets
 - Old Skills - phone, emails
 - Personal zoom meetings

Discussion - Resources

Padlet #2

- Click on this link and answer the following question:
What digital resources are you currently using in your classroom?



Strategy 3: Routine Access

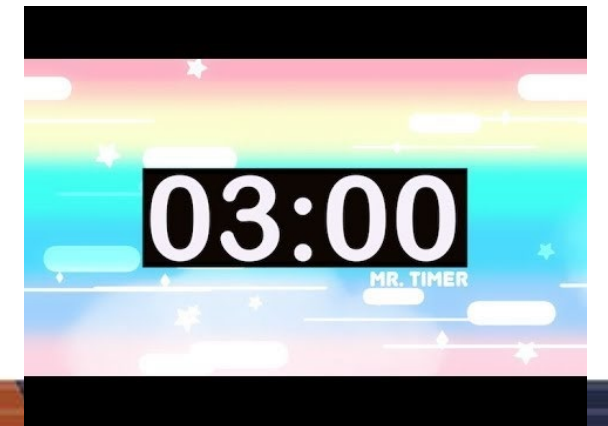
- Pick only one or two tools to use at first
- Use these tools consistently
- Your students will feel more comfortable and will concentrate on content rather than figuring out the technology

Discussion - Challenges

Padlet # 3

Part A:

Share some of the challenges that you have faced using digital tools in the classroom.



Discussion - Challenges

Padlet # 3

Part B:

Comment on your peer's challenges with possible solutions or tips for improvement. Let's brainstorm!





- Students have more access to content if they cannot attend class.
- Students can review lessons and content if they need clarification
- Students are actively engaged in their learning

Questions



Do you have any questions about anything that we have discussed today?

Please use the chat box to ask any questions.

Exit Slip

Kahoot Review



Resources

- Padlet - <https://padlet.com/>
 - Use for discussion and brainstorming group collaboration
- Flipgrid - <https://info.flipgrid.com/>
 - Use for student responses where they made short videos.
- Kahoot - <https://kahoot.com/>
 - Use for a student response, assessment, review
- Quizlet - <https://quizlet.com/>
 - Use to make online flashcards

Other Resources

- Remind - <https://www.remind.com/>
 - use to communicate with students & send reminders
- Google Suite -
 - Use for shared folders, shared documents, shared slides, and forms.
- Nearpod - <https://nearpod.com/>
 - use to make your existing presentations or videos interactive.
- Screencast-o-matic - <https://screencast-o-matic.com/>
 - Use to record lessons ahead of time while sharing your computer screen.
- Edpuzzle - <https://edpuzzle.com/>
 - Use this to insert comprehension questions into your video.

More Resources

- Explain Everything - <https://explaineverything.com/>
 - Use this as an Interactive whiteboard
- Steps to make your own instructional videos
 - <https://www.edutopia.org/article/5-step-guide-making-your-own-instructional-videos>

Thank you!

If you have any questions or even suggestions for us, please feel free to reach out to either one of us.

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