Tips for Engaging Students in Online Learning

Be purposeful in the selection of tools for engaging learners. Consider pedagogy and instructional design practices to ensure that the use of the tool meets the needs of the learners.

> ***Example:*** Use the Padagogy wheel to explore the use of technology tools for effective engagement.
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> - [Padagogy Wheel for Android](#)
> - [Padagogy Wheel for Apple](#)

****Keep in mind that many of these apps are available on both platforms and the computer. The difference between these wheels is that when you click on an app in the Android wheel, it brings you to that app in the Android app store, and when you click on an app in the Apple wheel, it brings you to that app in the Apple store.

Use social media or another interactive platform to engage learners. Whenever possible, get a sense of what apps your learners are already using and engage with them through those mediums.

> ***Example:*** Host a live Twitter chat or ask your learners to engage in an existing chat and share their experience. [Check out this link](#) for a list of recurring live Twitter chats. To create a new Twitter chat unique to your class and learners, [follow the steps in this article.](#)
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> ***Bonus:*** Ask learners use TikTok to create videos that express a moment in history.

Use crowdsourcing tools to engage learners. This gives them a sense of community involvement by using tools that enable them to make a difference.

> ***Example:*** Use something like [Zooniverse](#) or [Eyewire](#) to get students engaged in a crowdsourcing project.

To read more about the use of crowdsourcing in learning, [check out this article.](#)

Engage learners with each other and the community. Connect learners with each other and with their community.

> ***Example:*** Ask learners to engage with their peers in collaborative research on a relevant topic.
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> ***Bonus:*** Connect learners with peers in a class across the state, nation, or even the globe; think virtual pen pals.

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