I believe using video games as a way to increase interest is very effective while some people might think otherwise and I have three major reasons.

First, I believe that video games can help students learn how to stay focused on a subject for a long time which is very important. Having the ability to stay concentrated in classroom or while you’re studying something is the key to understand the whole subject, especially in classrooms which losing the track of course for even a short time might lead to difficulties in following up. I even read a study on this matter that researchers had two groups of students read a topic and answer some questions about that topic, the first group which were gamers had a significant difference in attentioning to details than the other group.

Second, video games can help students learn faster. Video games tutorials are often short and have a lot of detail which will come in handy and gamers should learn those details to gain the maximum points out of the game. This can teach students the ability to learn fast which is a really helpful skill especially in higher degree education in which there are a lot of content to be teached and teachers can not repeat the lessons due to time limits. For example, I had a course in collage which was originally two courses compressed into one and the teacher couldn’t expend time to answer students’ questions, so students had to learn the first time and it was really hard for those who haven’t had such experience.

Third, learning lessons via video games would make them interesting and students can make a hobby out of studying. Our education system requires students to learn a very diverse range of courses from history to geometry and as we know, not all people have interests in all those topics. Using video games can make all those boring courses much more interesting and even can affect our visual memory to have a more long-lasting memory from that lesson. For example, I had a problem understanding a topic called Bezier curves but my teacher introduced a website in which we had to paint some premade objects using Bezier curves and that gave me a really nice vision of that topic.

So, in conclusion, I believe that using video games can generally be helpful for students