



HOW TO INSPIRE YOUR STUDENTS

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How To Inspire When Working In-Person

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2. Student sourced lesson plans

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3. Let them take ownership

Giving students a concrete role in the classroom will make them feel more involved and autonomous being able to see their work being applied in class.

4. Encourage friendly competition

Competition is a tricky one. Try not to pin your students against each other but rather encourage them to work together to defeat a common problem and maybe even offer prizes to those ranking highest (Ex. Candy for the top 10 Kahoot players).

5. Choice and creative freedom

Allowing students to express themselves through their own creative strengths will not only increase the quality of the work being produced but also allow students to enjoy the work they're doing.

6. Really get to know your students

Creating relationships and bonds with your students can help them feel like more than just a number. Perhaps implement an activity based on learning everyone's names so the class feels more like a group of friends who can learn together.



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When working online, things are already super complicated and messy. The last thing your students need is an unorganized approach to learning while juggling all the other problems online learning brings to the table. Try to be organized.

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