

Strategies to Promote Student Engagement & Cultivate Classroom Equity

1. Give students opportunities to think and talk about the content

- ❑ Pause for 3-5 seconds after posing a question
- ❑ Provide opportunities to write in class
- ❑ Small group discussions

- ❑ Establish a culture of hand raising
- ❑ Encourage multiple voices
- ❑ Monitor student participation

2. Encourage & actively student participation

3. Build an inclusive classroom for all students

- ❑ Learn students' names
- ❑ Integrate culturally relevant examples
- ❑ Use varied active-learning strategies

- ❑ Ask open-ended questions
- ❑ Listen to student responses without judgmental responses
- ❑ Establish inclusive classroom norms

4. Monitor behavior to cultivate divergent thinking

5. Teach all students in the classroom

- ❑ Consider what students learn from the classroom culture
- ❑ Collect assessment from every student, every class

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