Teacher as Activator: Tips for Hybrid Learning

Three ways teachers can activate deep learning by combining in-class and digital engagement.



Activator

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- Let your students know you are a learner. This is about progress not perfection.
- Be explicit and up front about learning goals and provide continuous space for students to confirm understanding
- Encourage co-construction of success criteria online.
- Show them how to be organized, check in with them regularly and be flexible with deadlines where possible
- Provide effective formative feedback both verbally and in written form
- Arrange an on-line and off-line peer support and feedback system
- Students' needs vary in on-line and in-class spaces. Prepare to adapt to enable for each one's success
- Apps and tools are secondary to the teacher's relationship and connection with the students



Culture Builder

- Co-identify how norms are the same and different on-line and off-line; co-construct explicit norms that you continue to revisit as a class community
- Establish seamless community routines on-line and in-class by including in every session: a fun community builder; kinetic activity, expressions of appreciation or gratitude; and a clear summary about what's expected for next time you meet
- Provide asynchronous and synchronous opportunities for learning to meet all needs
- Schedule optional friendly check-in times both in-class and on-line; invite feedback-- what's working/ what's not?
- Engage student voice as codesigners by inviting them to contribute ideas for adapting projects and approaches
- Prioritize well-being of students. Create safe ways for them to individually share discomfort
- Encourage students to find joy, play, experiment and demonstrate curiosity on-line and in-class



Collaborator

- Establish rotating leadership roles for all students: recorder, coach, collector, reminder, chair
- Aim for interaction. Digital can be used to amplify collaboration and connect students in learning Partnerships
- Create an accessible hub and physical space where students can find all class materials and information independently
- Honour equity by facilitating a variety of ways families can communicate (phone, email) and show flexibility for families who are constrained.
- Prioritize the 6Cs in learning design and encourage collaboration wherever possible; content acquisition cannot be sole focus on-line or in-class
- Work creatively with colleagues to create hybrid learning design
- Incorporate intentional digital and in-class opportunities for inquiry including assessment and reflection with colleagues and with students

