



**WEDNESDAY QUESTION: What's your best tip for how to actively engage your learners, whether they are students, adults, or colleagues?**



Engage them in the topic by relating it to current knowledge. Give everyone a voice and a platform everyone can be comfortable with.

stefanie, Mabank ISD



Engage students in competitive activities using technology and apps such as quizletlive, kahoot, and nearpod to help students learn vocabulary and spelling words.

Guillermina, NBISD



PEAR DECK!! Great for students and staff!

Laramie, Shamrock ISD





To ensure my students are engaged I use randomization. This keeps student listening to ensure they know how to answer the question.

Brandi, Hays CISD



Differentiation... it caters to all types of learners.

victoriano, McAllen ISD



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Be happy & enthusiastic about your lesson and day!

Connie, Ropes ISD



A quick game of Kahoot!

Bernadette, San Antonio ISD



Make connections - whether it's through social media, google classroom, or face to face!

Ann, Alamo Heights ISD



I use four squares in a group where all four students have a different math problem and the answer that each student gets should be the same as everyone else. If it is not the same, they have to work together to figure out who has done something incorrectly and fix it.

Ashton, Eno Valley Elementary School-  
Durham Public Schools NC



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Choice! Use google forms, digital choice boards, etc...  
so all voices are heard. When you are heard and  
valued you are engaged.

Erica, Pflugerville ISD



Give the students multiple options to turn in the same project. I allow the students to turn in projects in podcast, vlog, or commercials.

Alberto, Reagan County ISD



Incorporate music into your classroom as much as possible!! It's AMAZING to see how involved the students become and instead of eyes glazed over, you'll see bright, sparkly, engaged ones =)

Dasha, Huntington ISD



Google Classroom and adding their videos to the lesson.

Stephanie, Slaton ISD



The more hands on, collaborative, the better. Students also love sharing their work with their peers via online portfolio or partner talk!

Brandy, PFISD



Using Classflow to push out those sometimes clunky and hard to login websites.

Larry, Corrigan-Camden ISD



I get to work one hour early. I pray and prepare for each class by taking 10 minutes to run through each lesson plan.

Gregory, Round Rock ISD



Keep small incentives, like candy, stickers, even put-ups.

Amy, Klein ISD





Get their attention. You need a good hook for your lesson to get everyone engaged.

Carrie, Gladewater ISD



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You need to make sure it's interactive! Classkick, Kahoot!, Nearpod, etc are great because it keeps them engaged.

Christina, Katy ISD



Student choice is huge! Give them options and let them take ownership of their learning.

Beth, Gladewater ISD



I like using the relatively new app Scavengar! Its an AR scavenger hunt app where you walk with your phone or ipad and collect gems, location points, or answer questions in real time by stepping into the AR world. It's fantastic! I have used it with kids and in a staff development with teachers.

Meanie, Lamar CISD



Structure and find energetic stuff that they are interested in.

Pamela, Gladewater Isd



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Making sure participants are participating in hands-on learning is the best way to actively engage all learners. Anyone gets bored when they are watching or listening to a lecture, but getting learners involved keeps them engaged.

Jaclyn, Katy ISD





Warm up that gets them moving.

Tina, McKinney ISD



Relationships. People want to feel like someone cares and that they are connected.

Bobbi, Round Rock ISD



Be personable; be interesting, be engaging!

Kellye, ESC Region 11



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Meet them where they are and challenge them to go further.

Jean, OPSRC



I try my best to make PD sessions hands on with great tools like Nearpod, Quizizz, Google Slide Menus, and PollEverywhere. Usually all in one session!

Misty, Little Elm ISD



Use Connct2Texas

Pat, ESC Region 11



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Be fun and creative and let them explore!

Amanda, Stephenville ISD



eye to eye contact

kristie, harmony grove school district



Being enthusiastic about what you are teaching. Using technology that they are comfortable with!

America, Fort Worth ISD



Create fun and engaging lessons that use technology as a tool to facilitate deeper, experiential learning.

Liliana, Leander ISD



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Find a way to tie it to something they are interested in.

Christy, Hampton School District



Connect to their world - make it real and applicable.

Lori, USD290 Ottawa, KS



Give them choice and form relationships with them so you know what their interests are

Susanna, Greenville ISD





Hands on student led approach with cooperative grouping, technology, visual support and fun!

Kristi, Port Neches Groves ISD



Make sure the content is relevant to their life right now.  
(At least some part of it)

Chrsitina, Axtell ISD



Dont waste their time! Plan effectively and make sure you show them that their time is vaulable!

Katy, Axtell ISD



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Don't try EVERYTHING at once. Find a few options, pick the one you like the most and roll with it. Oh! and HAVE FUN WITH IT.

Leah, Central ISD



I love to start with a song or group/partner discussion.  
This gets the little ones ready and excited to start!

Jessa, Wylie ISD



Learn who your students are- show them that you CARE about THEM as a person, and then just BE YOU! If you're having fun- then they will catch on to your enthusiasm :)

Kristi, Lockhart ISD



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Bring personal meaning into the learning that applies directly to them. Let the learning be mostly led by them.

Meagan, San Angelo ISD



Movement, do not sit still, even adults like to move.

Jonathan, Burton ISD



Some of the best ways I've found to engage learners is movement and challenge. Kids love to move around while they work, so why not use that to our advantage. I teach science, so STEM challenges are a huge part of my engagement strategies.

Kelsey, San Angelo ISD



Make a connection, make it real and make it FUN!!!

Alyssa, San Angelo ISD



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Let people play! When people, students or adults, get to play, they will learn without feeling pressure of "having to be productive".

Lesley, Katy ISD



Get to know and care for them

Robert, Seguin ISD



Let the students explore!

Deanna, Deer Park ISD





keep them moving and interested in your content

Tammi, Fairbury, NE



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Have choices of activities for them to do and make them responsible for the learning, they need to do the work to learn.

Laura, Miller Grove School District



You have to use the right tool at the right time. You can just use technology to use technology. There has to be a purpose!

Mary, DPIISD



Always be positive! The more positivity you spread, the more actively involved your students, adults and colleagues will be engaged.

Natalie, Fairbury Public Schools



# Thoughtful Discussion Questions

Katherine, Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD



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Gamify your assessments, involve your audience,  
engage them in discussion

Melissa, Fairbury Public SCHOOLS





Use more than one technique per lesson!

Miranda, Huntington ISD



Make the activity authentic and purposeful to the students. If they see how it connects to them, they will actively participate.

Jeanine, Southwest ISD



My students enjoy cardsorts

Darlene, Channelview



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For students, make the lesson personal, relate it to them.

Anna, A+ Academy Charter Schools



Students need to feel engaged in their learning - ask them what interests them (hobbies, sports, etc.) and involve that in your lessons. It also helps to involve them in the process of learning so that they understand why they are doing what they are doing.

Rachel, Chicago Public Schools



Give them the chance to talk and create it themselves.

Meredith, Burton Adventist Academy



Have them help choose how they will be assessed.

Stephanie, Burton Adventist Academy





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Be passionate about what you are teaching

Caroline, Keene ISD



Keep the pace moving quickly

Cindy, UT Arlington



Toss a stuffed Tux the penguin around the room.  
Whoever holds the penguin gets to answer.

Henry, Technology WIN!



## More Business Readiness /CTE

Misty, Kemp Isd



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Make it real life. Make it relevant!

Kelsey, Argyle ISD



I engage students through financial literacy games.

Yesenia, Brownsville ISD





mix it up do not use any one thing all of the time.  
Kahoot is a good one to start with.

Beth, ESC Region15



Have them take the lead! and definitely use flipgrid for reflexion of their work.

Jackeline, Hamshire-Fannett ISD



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Online Bubble Wrap! There is a fun website you can go to that allows you to pop the wrap and it counts how many you pop. It makes boring Q and A tasks more interesting if you give them 10 seconds to count the bubble wrap!

Morgan, Hamshire-Fannett ISD



Continuous feedback, PBL, and ABL. Allowing others to take ownership of the learning provided them the opportunity to care.

Aisha, Alief ISD Bush Elementary



Ask for their feedback! Google Forms and flipgrid are my faves!

Stephanie, Austin ISD



I like to start lessons with a probe. Students explain their thinking based on their current knowledge, but they don't find out the real answer until after the lesson.

Shelly, Lewisville ISD



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My students love Flipgrid! Plus it's a great and easy way to connect with students outside of our rural Maine town.

Abby, RSU 1



Help students feel personally connected to the content, pursuing their own learning, and activity involved in sharing their knowledge with others.

April, Johnson City TN Schools



# Student Choice boards

Lucretia, Gpisd



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My level of enthusiasm completely influences my students level of enthusiasm during any kind of learning experience.

Kyla, Grand Prairie ISD



# Gamifying Activities

Leeann, Grand Prairie



Make activities fun, relevant and interesting!

Andrea, Katy ISD





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Make the activities and lessons in your classroom authentic and fun.

Thomas, Katy ISD



Meet them on their level

Brenda, Round Rock



Movement and use of technology! Center rotations and brain breaks for the win! Also, using Kahoot and Flipgrid is a GREAT way to keep all learners engaged!

Katie, Incarnate Word Academy Elementary



Listen to them and make them feel heard.

Sarah, Round Rock



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bring chocolate

lore, austinn



As a Digital Coach, my learners are both teachers and students. For teachers, engagement can be difficult unless they are "relaxed". They are most engaged when training is short (10min2tech) includes a handout, is entertaining, and has food and/or prizes!

Twyla, Eustace ISD





Giving students the opportunity to discuss their learning allows students, adults, and colleagues to process their newly acquired language.

Erin, Boerne ISD



Makerspace tied into curriculum. 100% engagement!

Emilie, Mansfield ISD



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let the learners talk!

Caitlin, Boerne ISD



Find an in: mine are memes, music, and sarcastic remarks :)

Laura, Longview ISD



anything active, especially when technology is involved.  
We start each algebra 1 unit with an "exploration" that gives students a reference once we begin teaching the process of the unit

louise, [lovejoyisd.net](http://lovejoyisd.net)



My best tip would be to ASK THEM what they want to learn and find ways to incorporate that into your lesson.

Ashley, Conroe ISD



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have more sitting areas around the session rooms

Maria, UISD/AGMS



Make it fun and engaging!

Christa, Northwest ISD



I love to use Google Forms to create break out/escape rooms to motivate my students.

Stacy, White Oak ISD



Incorporate engaging technology lessons, whether it's nearpod, canva or flocabulary to increase interest and excitement.

M, Lockhart ISD



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Start with a Brain Break (even adults love this)!  
Dressing up, have props, and other ideas are awesome, however, in my experience, getting your audience to put down their devices is key!

Mandee, Levelland Christian School



Always innovate and surprise them with new tools to enhance their learning!

Andreanne, Leander ISD



Varied activities, less sit and get

Kim, Brenham HS





Work with them on the smartboard and have group conversations during the lesson.

Cori, Brenham Independent School



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create a program to demonstrate understanding

Anne, CCISD



Meet your learners where they are at

Rachel, Klein ISD



Play a game. Any kind of game!

Jennifer, Port Arthur ISD



I like to add hands on activities to go with the lessons.

Andrea, Houston ES/Austin ISD



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I take a survey on how they like to learn/present information. And then I have stations for each of those choices (i.e. - hands on, present on video, poster, etc.)

Ginger, Ft. Sam Houston ISD





Demonstrate, promote and entice with the newest gadget/app/software etc.

Alicia, Abilene ISD



Tailoring lessons to the way Gen Z learners actually learn! Their needs are very different than our generations, and if we aren't engaging them in the way their brains function, we are wasting their time. I LOVE Digital Escape Rooms, Choose your own adventures in Google Sites, Flipgrid, EdPuzzle, Scavenger Hunts, etc. Education should be an experience!!

Ali, Longview ISD



I love to use memes and gifs to get my kiddos intrigued.

Christan, Sabine ISD Elementary



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Add Music to activities!

Laura, Sabine ISD



I have a mystery question for my students to answer based on the skill that we are working on.

Denise, Sabine Elementary



make it engaging and offer choice, let them use technology that you're unfamiliar with. It will be okay

Melissa, Judson ISD



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Choice and Voice. Allow them to express themselves in a way that is meaningful to them. Let them talk and record their ideas. Publish them so they know their ideas are valued.

Christine, NISD



Building Relationships before anything else!

Sherry, ESC15



Present it to them with something they are passionate about.

Michael, Levelland ISD



Being excited and show you are willing to participate in the activity you are trying to get them to do also.

Amanda, West Orange Cove CISD



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Look for ways to adjust the How, the Why, or the What -  
<https://catlintucker.com/2019/06/3-ways-to-build-student-agency-into-your-lessons/>

Meredith, Northside ISD



Make sure you have a relationship with them and know them.

Julie, Fort Worth ISD



The best way to engage all learners is to make them feel heard! I love using Padlet to help even my most quiet students have voice!

Emily, Prosper, ISD





use video recordings

Melisa, Huntington ISD



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Be Funny. People are engaged when they are laughing and having fun.

Kristina, Huntington Isd



Lay out a learning objective that gives learners a problem to solve

Daniel, Fort Worth ISD



As a classroom teacher, and now as a district-level trainer, I find that making sure I tie everything that I share back in to what the learner already knows. The reason that people tend to tune us out is because we take off running with features and applications without remembering to frame it for our learners.

Andy, Fort Worth ISD EdTech



Moby Max, my students absolutely love it.

Darlene, Fruitvale ISD



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Give challenges with prizes. Tie learning to something fun!

Carrie, Carrollton Farmers Branch





Real-world, relevant, sometimes local connections

Rachel, Aransas Pass ISD



Give them choices and let them drive their own learning.

louise, Burleson ISD



Keep it entertaining! Let them do the learning, not just listen to you!

Elizabeth, Ector County ISD



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Excellent classroom discipline and expectations

Jamie, ECISD



Build relationships/empathy and effective communication

Shawna, Beckendorff JH /Katy ISD



Plan activities for multiple modalities. Use humor.

Janie, Concordia Lutheran School



Find a way to relate to a topic that they love and find a way to include that topic with the skill or subject you are trying to teach! There will be instant buy in.

Monica, Diocese of Corpus Christi





Have relevant and engaging content that inspires creativity.

Terrance, Jubilee Academies



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My best tip for actively engaging learners is to meet them where they are and find out what sparks thier curiosity. Usually humor is the best way that I engage my students.

Amanda, Lockhart ISD



I try to make the activity interactive, fun, and relevant for my students. When they are interesting in the content I'm providing then they become engaged in their learning. They share their learning with others, and show joy in sharing their experiences.

Janie, Lubbock ISD



Connect! Find something that interests them, learn about it and use it as a starting point.

Ashley, Alief ISD



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Find a game and GAMIFY IT! Change up how you are doing your lesson by integrating movement and FUN! They are more receptive and create better neural pathways when they play.

Audreana, Flour Bluff ISD



Station Rotation with a teacher led station for small group instruction.

Rebecca, Anahuac ISD





I think changing it up (within your comfort and abilities) can really help engage your learners! Finding new ways to deliver the same info or assess the same info (especially using easy tech like google) is ALWAYS a fan fave in my rooms!

Brittney, CSISD



Build relationships! If the students know you care, they will be more engaged. My students know that everything I do in the classroom is with them in mind. No "busy work."

Cindy, Anna High School Anna ISD



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Make it fun, share a fun story or some sort of fun music to get them interested. Often times a game can reinforce skills quicker than a worksheet. Example: Board game were student spins a number, and reads a vocab word, or solves a math fact before moving token to the next place.

Cindy, Navasota ISD



Making it fun with videos, games, escape rooms, etc.

Candace, Royse City ISD



Gamify your instruction! There are so many resources to keep your students learning AND having fun. Nearpod, Flippity, Scavenger hunts, Digital Breakouts... the sky is the limit!

Luli, Irving ISD



Make the topic relevant to your audience, and start training your students from Day One how to take the initiative to lead the discussion, so that it's student-centered, and student-led; that way, they're engaged, and therefore (hopefully) excited about the lesson plan.

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Stuart, Austin ISD



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Tie your lesson to a real world problem that your audience can personally relate to and they will be engaged.

Rick, Fort Wayne Community Schools



Relationship first!! Start by engaging their interests,

Tasha, Boys Ranch



Provide training and support when you are rolling out something new. The quickest way to lose your people is to give them something and tell them to figure it out without providing a way to help learn and facilitate.

Bret, McAlester Public Schools