

Inspire, Engage, Connect and Build Community Strand



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Connecting the Dots Between Experiential, Brain-Based Learning, Social and Emotional Learning, and Meaningful Academic Engagement

- What is Experiential Education?
 - Physical, Emotional, Social and Intellectual Engagement
 - Relevancy, Meaning
 - Choice/Control/Ownership/Perceived Internal Freedom
 - Learning Through Reflection
- Brain-Based Learning
 - Attention and Retention
 - Neuroplasticity
 - Emotions Are Everything: Relationships, Environment, Intrinsic Motivation, Control, Emotional Safety
 - Multiple Pathways to Learning
- The Educator as Guide –Student Centered Teaching

Strong Beginnings and Ongoing Reflection

Starting Off with Style: Welcoming Activities to Engage and Create a Positive and Productive Learning Environment

- Creating a “Hook” to Engage Learners the Moment They Walk in the Door
- The Primacy Recency Effect/Tone and Context Setting
- Reflection as an Engaging/Ongoing Part of Teaching and Learning
- “Rapport Building” Activities That Double as Review, & Reflection
- Active Partner and Small Group Dialogue Activities

The Inspired Learner: Building a Strong Foundation for Learning and Life Promoting Ownership, Buy In, and Building Trust

- The Importance of Choice and Control
- Balancing Novelty and Challenge with Comfort/Control
- The Process of Building Trust
- Sequencing/Scaffolding

Community Building, Creating a Positive Climate, Social Emotional Skills Development

- Strategies to Cultivate Belonging, Build Problem Solving skills, Reflection, Self and Social Awareness, Communication, Empathy, Collaboration
- Community Building, Consensus, Inclusion, Student Voice
- Creating Buy in, Ownership, and Responsibility for Learning
- The Importance of Sequencing and Thoughtful Progression

Get Them Moving, Talking, Reflecting, and Keep Them Engaged!

- Multiple Pathways to Learning: Active Academic Review and Reflection
- Practice it Through Play and Make the Most of Your Time
- Activities that Double as Academic Review, Formative Assessment, Social-Emotional Skills, and Community building

The Inspired Educator

The Art of Teaching and Group Facilitation

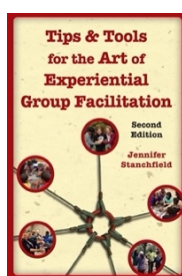
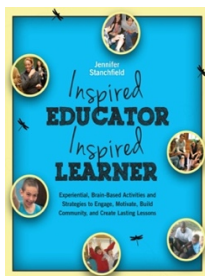
- Attitude is Everything
- Trust the Process
- Flexibility
- Welcome the Unexpected
- Allow for Labor in Learning
- Universality/Inclusivity and Strength-Based Approaches
- Attention Getters
- Room Set Up/Dividing Groups
- Transition Activity Ideas

Bring Learning to Life with Engaging Reflection Tools & Techniques

Reflective Practice: An Ongoing Integrative Approach to Reflection

- Increasing Depth of Understanding and Meaning Making
- Engaging, Active, and Ongoing Meaningful Reflection
- Using Metaphoric Images & Objects as Reflective tools
- Upcycling Icebreakers/Games as Reflective Activities
- Art/Writing/ Creative Expression in Reflection/Review

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