

EDUC 204 Introduction to Education

Constructivism – The Engaged Classroom

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In my group, we all came up and agreed with 5 great points in Sam Intrator's "The Engaged Classroom." Our notes consisted of a listing of the 5 main points which were:

1. Fake Time,
2. Share your personal presence,
3. Play time,
4. Know Your Students as People, and
5. Lost time.

Next the listing of the five main points, we gave a sentence or two explaining in our opinion what that point meant and why it was important to us. For Fake time we said that it's when students make themselves appear to be paying attention, when really they are daydreaming and not following along. We felt this flavor of disengagement was important because it happens so much in every grade level, and teachers need to be aware of it. Share your personal presence is important because as a teacher you need to show your passion for teaching through your lessons and instructions. Be sure to care for each and everyone of your students. Play time is when students appear to be doing what you tell them to do, like groupwork. When really they are just chatting away with their friends. Its important to tell your students when its "play" time and "work" time. Know your students is vital for a teaching to be a teacher. It is important to know your students on a personal level, and on an academic level, that way they get the best learning possible. Last but not least is Lost time, many students are paying attention but waste their time looking at the clock. A teacher needs to be sure to make their lectures as interesting as possible to gain most of their classroom's attention.

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1. Share your personal presence, energy and passion are essential for teachers in a classroom.
2. Know the students on a personal level. Doing this makes the student feel understood and appreciated.
3. Feed the need to create. Students are more vibrant about learning when creating or thinking about something new.
4. Manipulate classroom time by using transitions and switching subjects often. This method helps keep the students attention.
5. Engaged time is also important, so that the students are continually immersed in learning.

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We all agreed on our five most important points in the "Engaged Classroom." Although they are in no particular order they are as follows:

1. Manipulate Classroom Pace

It is important to develop a routine and to "manipulate" that same routine each and every time that way the pace for the classroom setting is set.

2. Share your Personal Presence

In order to do this you must have energy and passion about your subject and be able to relate to some of the material.

3. Know your students as People

In order to maximize the success rate of your students you must be able to relate to their learning styles and abilities.

4. Relate Content to Student's Lives

If you want your students to be able to comprehend the lesson you are attempting to teach them you must relate the content to something that involves them or something they relate to.

5. Maximize "Engaged Time"

Students say that engaged time needs to be provocative, enchanted, memorable, and enjoyable. If we strive on improving Engaged Time we believe that the success rate of students will increase.

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1. Fake Time:

Student often prepare for other classes or day dream while faking in class. i think these students are often very smart and sometimes bored. they pass the course but never know what they could have achieved. If not redirected these students will skim through school and never realize their potential.

2. Worry Time:

These students usually have problems and worries outside of school. It comes from many directions: money, abuse, divorce, jobs, sickness, and many other reasons. If the problem is not caught and help given to the student they may fall behind or even quit school.

3. Feed the need to create:

The learning of each student depends on the personality of that student. Some students achieve more learning time by listening to lectures. But most students need more than that. Most students need to be involved in learning. Being involved in learning could include a various number of activities that not only let students express themselves but also make learning fun and beneficial for children and teenagers. It is very important that students not only listen to lectures but also be actively involved in the subject matter by creating projects and doing other things that allow them have fun and learn at the same time.

4. Know students as people:

It is very important that teachers not only know their students academically, but also personally. One major responsibility of being a teacher is to care for your students. If something is going on in a students life outside of the classroom it is the teacher's personal responsibility to make sure everything is going to be alright with that student. Also, it is more likely that they student will become more involved in the classroom if they feel that the teacher actually cares about them as a person. A teacher can show that he/she cares by going to after school functions or church functions that the student may be involved in.

5. Manipulate Classroom Pace

As shown in the classroom demonstration, almost all students own at least three electronic entertainment devices and frequently use them simultaneously. This is a situation that has arisen in our generation ("Generation mobile," "The wired generation," etc.). The problem is that as technology advances, the attention span of children will decrease. In order to combat this problem, we must take an active role in keeping students engaged. To do this, we must present our subjects in every way possible. In short, we must manipulate the pace of the classroom and shy away from extended monotonous periods of activity.