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AGENDA



— Introductions

— UDL Once Over Lightly

— Focusing on Engagement

— Case Study: Time Management

— Your Turn: Workshop / Reflection

— Debrief & Next Steps

Introductions



WHO'S HERE?

What roles/program types?

Is UDL already part of your work or environment?

What would make this session the most relevant & useful to you?

Introductions



WHO AM I?

20-year professor and researcher of
multimodal writing & pedagogy

community arts & educational consulting
practice in digital storytelling

director of learning resource center
(peer coaching in academics + digital tools)

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<https://portal.cca.edu/learning/learning-resources/udlatcca/>



Introductions

WAYS TO FIND UDL@CCA



Embracing the Chimera



ALL LEARNERS ARE CHIMERIC LEARNERS

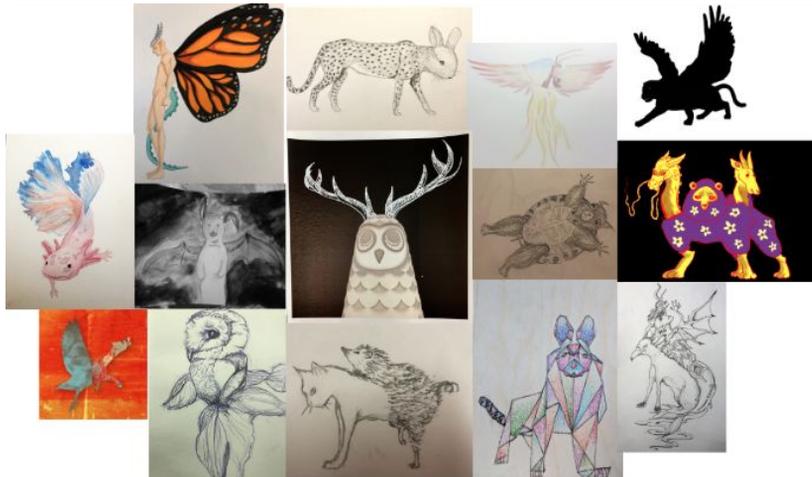


The Chimera is CCA's mascot: a mythical multifaceted beast, dangerous & wonderful

The Chimera is also a metaphor for the creative, cultural, and cognitive diversity of every learner everywhere.

Embracing the Chimera

OUR STUDENTS, OURSELVES



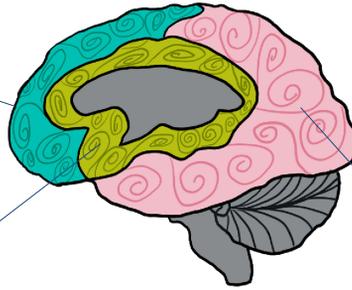
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UDL Once Over Lightly

UDL & Chimeric Learners

THE LEARNING BRAIN

Strategic Networks
The HOW of learning



Affective Networks
The WHY of learning

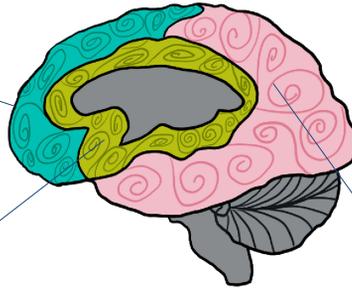
Recognition Networks
The WHAT of learning

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3 PRINCIPLES

Provide **multiple means of action and expression** to provide students with options for navigating and demonstrating learning.



Provide **multiple means of engagement** to tap individual learners' interests, challenge them appropriately, and motivate them to learn.

Provide **multiple means of representation** to give students various ways of acquiring, processing, and integrating information and knowledge.

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**Focusing on
ENGAGEMENT**

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Affective Learning Networks

—WHY does this matter?

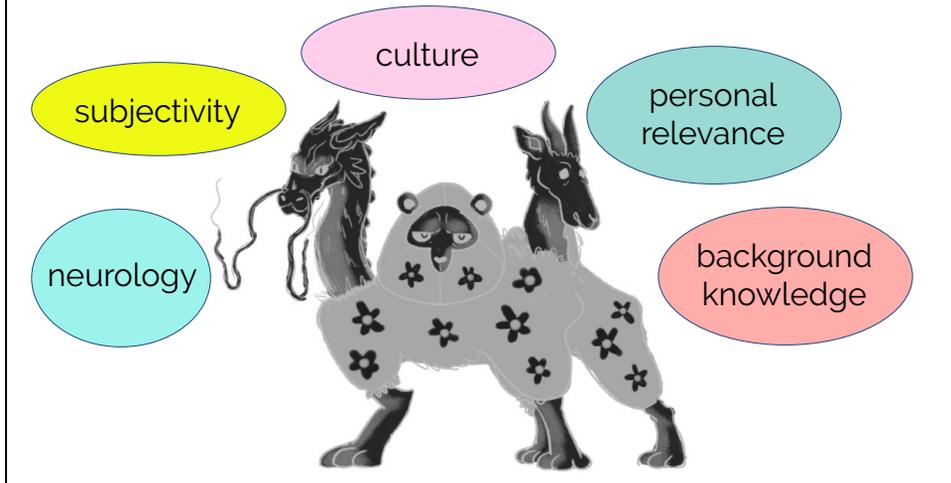
—WHY should I care?



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EVERYONE ENGAGES DIFFERENTLY



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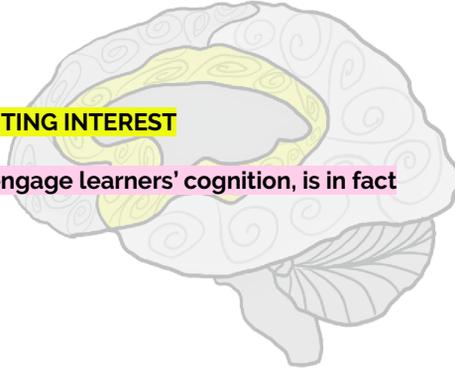
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ENGAGEMENT

**Level 1 -
HELP STUDENTS
ACCESS LEARNING**

Provide Options for **RECRUITING INTEREST**

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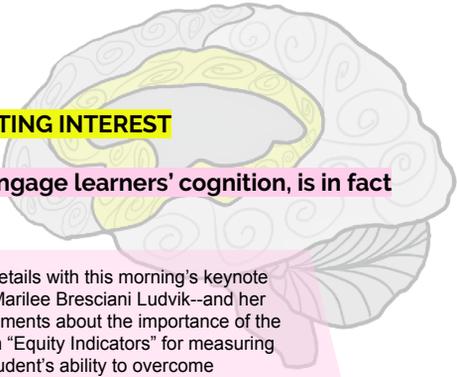
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Dovetails with this morning's keynote by Marilee Bresciani Ludvik--and her comments about the importance of the term "Equity Indicators" for measuring a student's ability to overcome obstacles.

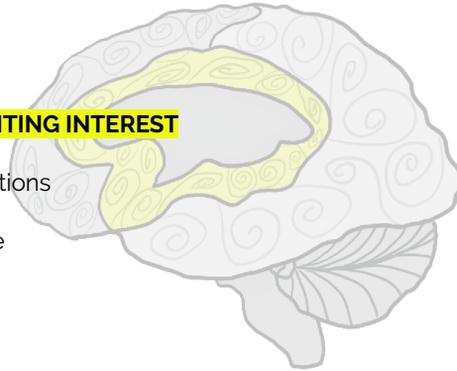
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- Optimize relevance



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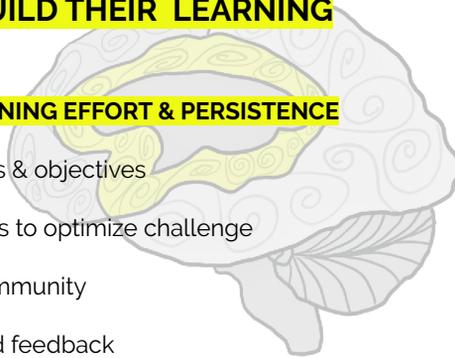
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Level 2 -

HELP STUDENTS BUILD THEIR LEARNING

Provide Options for SUSTAINING EFFORT & PERSISTENCE

- Heighten salience of goals & objectives
- Vary demands & resources to optimize challenge
- Foster collaboration & community
- Increase mastery-oriented feedback



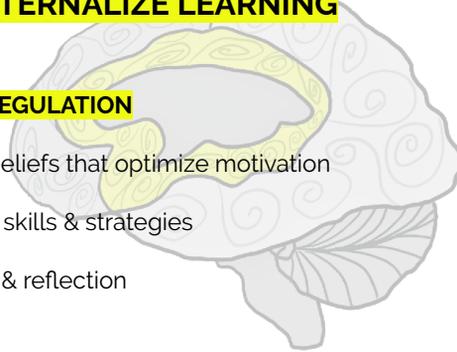
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Level 3 - HELP STUDENTS INTERNALIZE LEARNING

Provide Options for SELF-REGULATION

- Promote expectations & beliefs that optimize motivation
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- Develop self-assessment & reflection



Case Study: Time Management

Case Study

TIME MANAGEMENT

BEFORE:

[Lots of materials & activities developed over the years in various Student Success initiatives & programs, with artifacts (ex: notes, docs, agendas) assembled somewhat randomly in Google folders.]

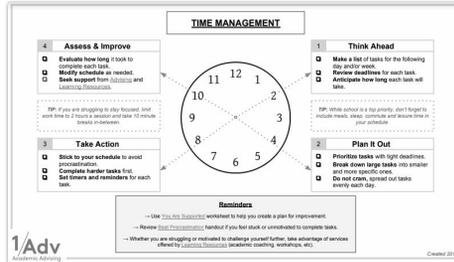
AFTER:

[An integrated game plan for guiding & assessing time management learning activities through multiple *intentionally diverse* initiatives & programs]

Time management is a Student Success initiative supported by all divisions of Student Affairs and in many parts of the curriculum and co-curriculum. But what does it look like when we apply UDL engagement principles to our materials & activities? My aim isn't to concentrate all artifacts and initiatives within just one organization (in my case Learning Resources) but rather to at least capture and co-develop a way forward that makes it simpler to collaborate across divisions and to continuously improve upon what we're doing rather than reinventing the wheel on our own.

Case Study

TIME MANAGEMENT



Hack Your Homework

Need to learn a detail?
Use [this free worksheet](#) to help you create a plan for improvement.

Study Tools
Try [these free Focus, Cold Turkey for Time Management & More!](#)

DRAW STRONGER
Spend 15 minutes of drawing & writing each hour. Enter self-care comics.

Check Out
Check out [this free worksheet](#) helpful if you feel stuck or overwhelmed to complete tasks.

Pomodoro
Whether you are struggling or motivated to challenge yourself further, take advantage of services offered by [Learning Assistants](#) (academic coaching, workshops, etc).

Self-care
Spend 15 minutes of drawing & writing each hour. Enter self-care comics.

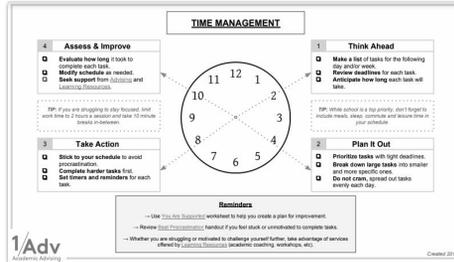
When we started this process we had an inventory of many initiatives and resources but they were mostly developed in isolation from one another. Our aim now is to look more systematically at what we're doing and how we can map our existing efforts onto the UDL guidelines.

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TIME MANAGEMENT



- + options for movement
(minimize threats & distractions)
- + change physical space
(foster collaboration & community)
- + options for reflection



Hack Your Homework

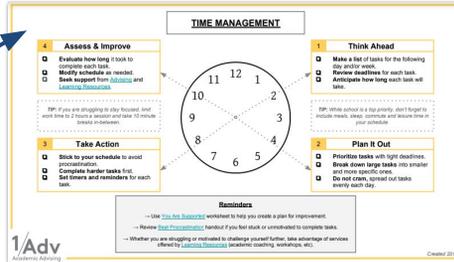
- Need to learn a digital tool?** Check out [khanlab.com/slideshows](#) created by instructor [sarah Dene DJ](#)
- Study Smarter** Try [Flare for Focus](#), [Cold Turkey](#) for Time Management & More!
- DRAW STRONGER** Spend 1 Hour of drawing & writing each hour. Enter self-care comics.
- Pomodoro**

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+ incorporate
Advising tool into
tutoring center
training (foster
collaboration &
community)



Hack Your Homework

Grid of homework hacks:

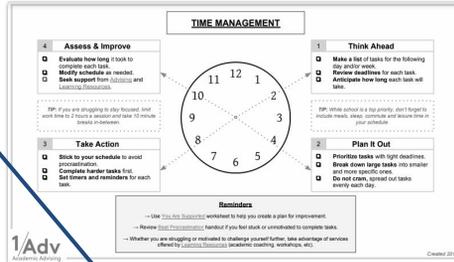
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- Study links** Try [Flare for Focus](#), [Cold Turkey](#) for Time Management & More!
- DRAW STRONGER** Quick! Hours of drawing & writing can hurt. Enter self-care comics.
- Pomodoro**
- Study Skills**

Case Study

TIME MANAGEMENT



+ diversify outreach to destigmatize resources (minimize threats as barriers to learning)



Hack Your Homework

Case Study

TIME MANAGEMENT

LESSONS WE'RE LEARNING ALONG THE WAY . . .

1. Incremental change is beautiful.
It's OK to start with just one thing. Make peace with the fact that the work is never done :) And remember ENGAGEMENT is just one of the 3 UDL principles!
2. Although different kinds of initiatives can complement one another, it's still best to attempt to make each as engaging as possible to diverse attendees (because they might not show up for the next one).
3. Share what you've done with your colleagues in other programs across campus and invite collaboration.

**Your Turn:
Workshop / Reflection**

Hands-on Workshop / Reflection

YOUR MISSION

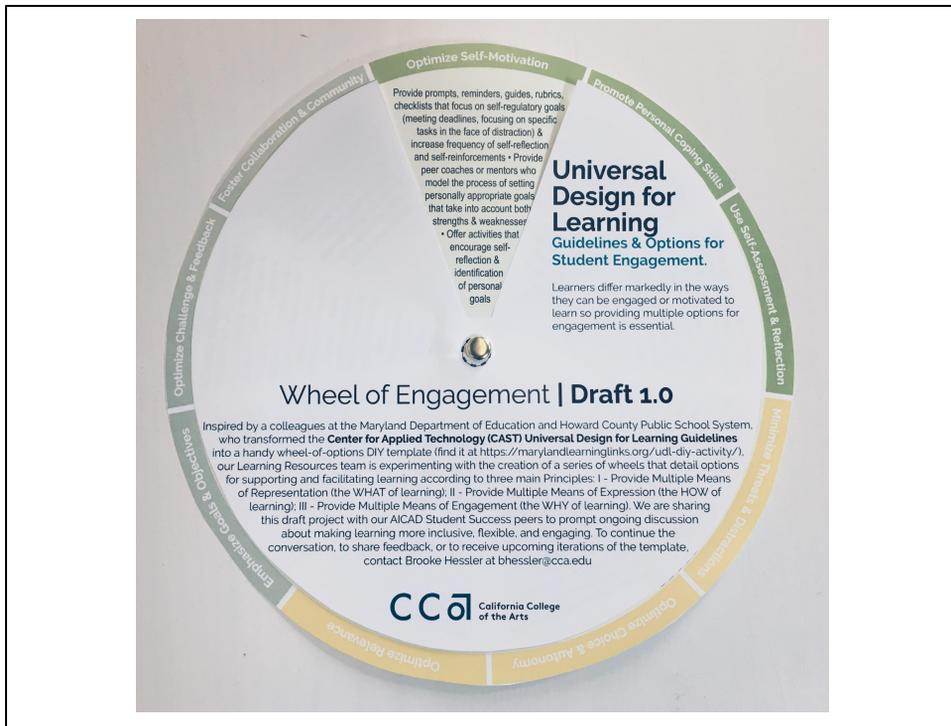


— Select one artifact or activity you're already offering in support of a specific Student Success learning objective.

— Identify ways it fulfills one or more of the UDL Engagement guidelines.

— Identify a few gaps--areas where the UDL Engagement guidelines could help you enrich or supplement the artifact or activity.

— Make a plan to tackle just one, or list some questions for discussion with the group



During today's session I'm sharing one of our swag experiments: a wheel of options within the Engagement subcategory of UDL options, inspired by and adapted from the UDL DIY Template distributed by the Maryland State Department of Education. (See resources slide for links to obtain the original pdf online.)

**Wheel Alternative:
text-heavy slides listing
options :-)**

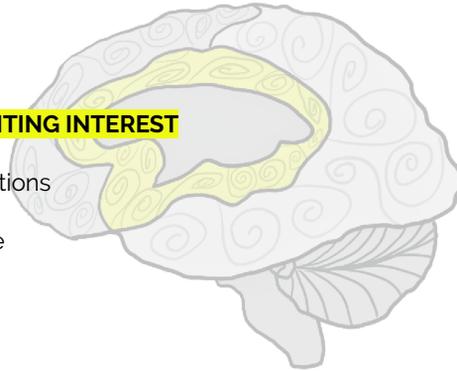
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RECRUITING INTEREST

Spark excitement and curiosity for learning.

Minimize threats & distractions

Foster a safe space to learn & take risks

- Create an accepting & supportive learning environment
- Vary the level of novelty or risk
 - Create class routines and visible cues (ex: agendas) to make daily activities predictable
 - Use a consistent method of announcing special events or changes
- Vary the pacing of activities and make breaks available
- Vary the social demands for learning, using both group and solo activities
- Involve all participants in whole-class discussions

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RECRUITING INTEREST

Spark excitement and curiosity for learning.

Optimize individual choice & autonomy

Empower learners to take charge of how they achieve each learning objective.

—Give learners as much choice as possible in terms of the level of perceived challenge; types of rewards or recognition; context or content for practicing & assessing skills; tools used for information gathering or production; color & design of graphics; sequence or timing to complete tasks

—Invite learners to participate in the design of activities & tasks

—Involve learners in setting their own personal academic & behavioral goals

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RECRUITING INTEREST

Spark excitement and curiosity for learning.

Optimize relevance, value & authenticity

Connect learning to experiences that are meaningful & valuable

- Vary activities & sources of information so they can be
 - Contextualized to learners' lives & appropriate for their ages & abilities
 - Socially & culturally relevant & responsive
 - Appropriate for different racial, cultural, ethnic, and gender groups
- Design activities so learning outcomes are authentic, communicate to real audiences & reflect a purpose that is clear to participants
- Provide tasks that allow for active participation, exploration & experimentation
- Invite personal response, evaluation & self-reflection to content & activities
- Include activities that foster the use of imagination to solve novel & relevant problems or to make sense of complex ideas in creative ways

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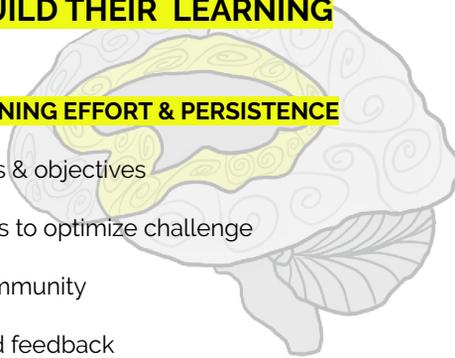
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SUSTAINING EFFORT & PERSISTENCE

Tackle challenges with focus & determination.

Heighten salience of goals & objectives

Set a vision for the goal & why it matters

- Prompt learners to explicitly formulate or restate the goal
- Display the goal in multiple ways
- Divide long-term goals into short-term objectives
- Demonstrate the use of digital scheduling tools
- Help learners visualize desired outcomes
- Facilitate assessment discussions about what constitutes excellence & generate relevant examples that connect to their background & interests

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SUSTAINING EFFORT & PERSISTENCE

Tackle challenges with focus & determination.

Vary demands & resources to optimize challenge

Rise to high expectations using flexible tools & supports

- Differentiate the degree of difficulty or complexity within which core activities can be completed
- Provide alternatives in the permissible tools & scaffolds
- Vary the degrees of freedom for acceptable performance
- Emphasize process, effort, improvement in meeting standards as alternatives to external evaluation & competition

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SUSTAINING EFFORT & PERSISTENCE

Tackle challenges with focus & determination.

Foster collaboration & community

Cultivate a community of learners

- Create cooperative learning groups with clear goals, roles & responsibilities
- Provide prompts that guide learners in when & how to ask peers &/or teachers for help
- Encourage & support opportunities for peer mentoring
- Construct communities of learners engaged in common interests
- Create expectations for group work (ex: rubrics, norms)

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SUSTAINING EFFORT & PERSISTENCE

Tackle challenges with focus & determination.

Increase mastery-oriented feedback

Guide learning by emphasizing the role of effort & process

- Provide feedback that focuses on the development of self-awareness & encourages the use of specific supports & strategies in the face of challenge
- Provide feedback that emphasizes effort, improvement & achieving a standard rather than on relative performance
- Provide feedback that is frequent, timely & specific
- Provide feedback that is substantive & informative rather than comparative or competitive
- Provide feedback that models how to incorporate evaluation, including identifying patterns of errors, into positive strategies for future success

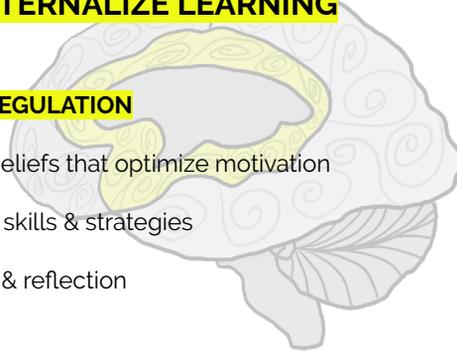
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FOSTER SELF-REGULATION

Harness the power of emotions & motivation in learning.

Promote expectations & beliefs that optimize motivation

Set personal goals that inspire confidence & ownership of learning

- Provide prompts, reminders, guides, rubrics, checklists that focus on self-regulatory goals (meeting deadlines, focusing on specific tasks in the face of distraction) & increase frequency of self-reflection and self-reinforcements
- Provide coaches or mentors that model the process of setting personally appropriate goals that take into account both strengths & weaknesses
- Support activities that encourage self-reflection & identification of personal goals

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FOSTER SELF-REGULATION

Harness the power of emotions & motivation in learning.

Facilitate personal coping skills & strategies

Develop & manage healthy emotional responses & interactions

—Provide differentiated models, scaffolds & feedback for:

- Managing frustration
- Seeking external emotional support
- Developing internal controls & coping skills
- Appropriately handling subject specific phobias & judgments of “natural” aptitude (e.g., “how can I improve on the areas I’m struggling in?” rather than “i am not good at math”)

—Use real life situations or simulations to demonstrate coping skills

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FOSTER SELF-REGULATION

Harness the power of emotions & motivation in learning.

Develop self-assessment & reflection

Increase awareness around progress toward goals & how to learn from mistakes

—Offer devices, aids, or charts to assist individuals in learning to collect, chart & display data from their own behavior for the purpose of monitoring changes in those behaviors

—Use activities that include a means by which learners get feedback & have access to alternative scaffolds (e.g., charts, templates, feedback displays) that support understanding progress in a manner that is understandable & timely

Debrief & Next Steps

Acknowledgments



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UDL Tools for All Grades & Subject Areas
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