The Learning Challenge

Many factors contribute to student disengagement and inequities at the secondary level. Unmet learning needs and a lack of student social and emotional skillfulness can impede academic and school success. Some students don’t feel safe or that they belong. Behavior issues interrupt learning. Limited time for collaborative planning and meaningful professional learning makes it challenging for teachers to navigate these conditions to create classroom environments that support the range of learners in their care. All of these factors have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

The Opportunity

Educators are searching for ways to reach and teach all learners and to re-discover the joy in their craft. The Engaged Classrooms Virtual Professional Learning Series empowers teachers to create Equity-Centered Classrooms that strengthen students’ academic, social and emotional development. Teachers will walk away equipped with a core set of research-based strategies that can be integrated into any lesson in order to ramp up academic engagement and achievement and strengthen social and emotional learning for each and every student.

Audiences

- Teachers
- Teaching assistants
- Instructional coaches
- Teacher teams
- Administrators

Topics/Strategies, Frameworks, and Core Experiences

Please see below.
### Key Topics/Strategies
- Fostering and sustaining positive personal relationships with and among students
- Designing purposeful, well-paced lessons
- Organizing the learning environment to support readiness to learn, ensure steady transitions and optimize time on task
- Ramping up rigor and meaning to strengthen academic engagement and achievement
- Incorporating academic support into daily lessons to improve academic performance and strengthen social and emotional competencies for all students
- Planning for, responding to, and managing behavior concerns
- Cultivating adult mindsets and an Empowered Teacher Presence that make Engaged Classrooms a reality

### Key Frameworks
- **Six Conditions for Academic Engagement**
- **Learning and Life Competencies**
- **Domains of the Engaged Classroom**
- **Multi-Tiered System of Supports**

### Core Virtual Experiences
- Interactive, collaborative dialogue through breakout rooms, chat rooms, polls, Jamboards, and whole-group conversation
- Regular implementation reflection: sharing successes and tackling challenges

### Format
Zoom Video Conference

### Duration
Eight, 90-minute sessions

### Frequency
One session per week or one session every other week

### Contact Us
For more information and to book this service for your district or school, please call us at 800-370-2515 ext. 30 or email Sara Adelmann at sadelmann@engagingschools.org