

The Eight Cs of Engagement can be used during activity planning to diversify cognitive opportunities and increase youth's commitment to learning.

1 Competition

To maximize the motivational power of competition, focus classroom activities around mild, friendly forms of competition.

Examples of Competition:

*Trivia Game
Content Bingo*

2 Cooperation

Allow youth to work with others, as part of a community of learners.

Examples of Cooperation:

*Group projects
Think-Pair-Share*

3 Challenge

Many youth love a challenge. Encourage them to stay engaged by offering challenges during activities.

Examples of Challenges:

*Offer various levels of an activity
Youth-led presentations*

4 Choice

Capitalize on this powerful motivator by giving youth more opportunities to make selections and decisions about their learning.

Examples of Choice:

*Learning Centers
Project Based Learning*

5 Controversy

Invite youth to embrace controversy by challenging them to explore different types of issues.

Examples of Controversy:

*Youth debates
Hot topic discussions*

6 Connections

Find ways to connect learning to youths' values, feelings, experiences, culture, families, and friends.

Examples of Connections:

*Comparison Activities
Reflection Activities*

7 Creativity

Give youth the opportunity to express their own unique ideas as they explore the content.

Example of Creativity:

*Multi-media opportunities
Arts-based learning*

8 Curiosity

Look for opportunities to spark interest in youth. Engage them in solving mysteries associated with your content.

Examples of Curiosity:

*Take virtual field trips
Support youth to ask "why"*