

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT · FACE-TO-FACE
WORKSHOP

Engaging Secondary Learners through Instructional Strategies

Think-Pair-Share and Gallery Walk for teachers of every
subject

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AUDIENCE

Secondary school teachers

All subjects. The strategies need no special materials, so they carry into any content area, from algebra to art.

TWO STRATEGIES, EXPERIENCED FIRST

Think-Pair-Share

Promotes active participation and critical thinking.

Gallery Walk

Encourages collaboration and visual learning.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Teachers will be able to...

01

Identify

two strategies, Think-Pair-Share and Gallery Walk, that raise participation and retention.

02

Explain

how each strategy promotes active participation and improves knowledge retention.

03

Implement

both strategies in their own teaching practice.

04

Evaluate

how well each strategy works in their own classrooms.

05

Address

student disengagement by applying these strategies.

06

Create

a positive classroom where students take charge of their learning.

SESSION FLOW

Experience it, then unpack it

1

Challenge

Disengaged students

2

Goal

Why engagement matters

3

Strategy 1

Think-Pair-Share

4

Strategy 2

Gallery Walk

5

Wrap up

Benefits and resources

Each strategy starts as an activity you take part in. Then we name it, watch it in a real classroom, and plan how to use it.

THE CHALLENGE

Disengaged students

Every teacher has watched a lesson lose the room. This short video frames the problem we will solve today.

[Watch: Engaging Disengaged Students](#)



THE GOAL

Engaging strategies create a dynamic, positive classroom where students are empowered to take charge of their education and flourish.

WHY IT MATTERS

What engagement does for students



Boosts motivation

Interested students focus, participate, and achieve more.



Deepens understanding

Students make connections and think critically, so learning lasts.



Builds future skills

Collaboration and problem-solving prepare students for college and careers.



Adds relevance

Real-world links show students why the content matters.



Grows ownership

Choice and inquiry turn students into self-directed learners.

Engaged students are more likely to earn good grades and see a positive future.

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY · THINK OF A TIME

When was a time you struggled to keep your students engaged during a lecture?

1 MINUTE

Think

Reflect on your own, quietly.

2 MINUTES

Pair

Turn to a partner and discuss your experiences.

2-3 MINUTES

Share

Volunteers share their discussion with the group.

STRATEGY 1

Think-Pair-Share

Promotes active participation and critical thinking.

- 1 **Think** individually
- 2 **Pair** up for discussion
- 3 **Share** ideas with the class

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STRATEGY 1 · IN THE CLASSROOM

Hear it from a teacher

A classroom teacher explains how she uses Think-Pair-Share with her students.

[Watch the video](#)



STRATEGY 1 · PLANNING

When to use Think-Pair-Share

See where the strategy fits best in a lesson, so you can plan it in on purpose.

[Watch from 2:20](#)



INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY · ON YOUR FEET

Visit the posters around the room and add your thinking.

STEP 1

Go

Go to a poster with your group.

STEP 2

Discuss

Talk through the topic on the poster.

STEP 3

Write

Add your thoughts in a word or phrase.

STRATEGY 2

Gallery Walk

Encourages collaboration and visual learning.

EACH STATION HOLDS

- 1 **Information** to explore
- 2 **Prompts** for analysis
- 3 **Space** for notes

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STRATEGY 2 · IN THE CLASSROOM

Gallery Walk explained

A teacher walks through the strategy. Ready-to-use handouts for secondary and elementary classrooms come with it.

[Watch the video](#)

[Get the handouts](#)



SIDE BY SIDE

Two strategies, one goal

Think-Pair-Share

THE PROCESS

1. Think individually
2. Pair up for discussion
3. Share ideas with the class

Builds: peer collaboration and clarification

Gallery Walk

SET UP STATIONS WITH

1. Information
2. Prompts for analysis
3. Space for notes

Builds: active movement and visual processing

WRAP UP

Varied instruction keeps secondary students engaged and learning.



The benefits

More participation, deeper understanding, and stronger retention.



Further resources

Videos and handouts linked throughout this deck.
[The Teacher Toolkit](#)



Try it this week

Pick one lesson and add one strategy.