



Instructional Strategies

Middle School Student Voice

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT VOICE

Below are a variety of Student Voice strategies. Visit the active links to learn more ideas related to the strategy.

Listen

1. Incorporate students' hopes, dreams, and interests into lessons
[Student Interests](#) • [Using Student Interest for Instruction](#)
2. Access prior knowledge
[3 Ways to Check Background Knowledge](#) • [Prior Knowledge in Learning](#)
3. Conduct focus groups
[How to Conduct Focus Groups](#)
4. Provide wait and think time
[How to Provide Wait and Think Time](#)
5. Encourage students to summarize lessons
[Summarizing Strategies](#)

Learn

1. Discussion
[Classroom Discussion Strategies](#)
2. Coach students in self-assessment
[Self Assessment Inspires Learning](#)
3. Formative Assessment
[iKnow My Class](#)
4. Genius Hour
[Welcome to Genius Hour](#)
5. Small group work/collaborative learning
[Working Effectively in Groups](#) • [Facilitating Cooperative Learning](#)

Lead

1. Students Teach Peers
[Pros and Cons of Peer Teaching](#) • [Middle School Peer Learning](#)
2. Provide students choice in assignments
[15 Ways to Integrate Student Choice](#) • [Ideas to Incorporate Student Choice](#)
3. Include students in discussions related to their own learning
[Student Led Conferences](#)
4. Evaluate and improve lessons, delivery, content with students
[Seek Your Own Feedback from Students](#) • [Student Feedback Improves Teaching](#)
5. Involve students in classroom decisions
[Student Voice: Pump it Up](#) • [Empowering Students](#)