

Motivation Strategies

Strategy: Feeling Part of the School

Potential Procedures

1. Focus on success (use the language of hope).
2. Use unmotivated students as helpers, tutors, companions, and playground and lunchroom aides for learners who are younger, disabled, or both.

Strategy: Energizing Lessons

Potential Procedures

1. Create challenges that can be mastered.
2. Broaden acceptable modes of expression of learning (story, song, rap, poem, metaphor).

Strategy: Energizing Ourselves

Potential Procedures

1. Remember why we teach.
2. Recall a course that we thought we would hate, but we loved instead. Understand what the teacher did to change our attitude.

Strategy: Energizing Evaluation

Potential Procedures

1. Separate effort from achievement when grading.
2. Implement the motivational three Rs: redo, retake, revise.

