

CREATING A CULTURE TO SUPPORT STUDENT VOICE & CHOICE

Encouraging student voice and choice helps foster a more engaging learning environment.



Teach Students How to Choose

As educators, we must support students in gaining the skills to choose what works best for them to be successful. Give students practice in classroom problem-solving and decision-making. This will help them reflect on and make decisions about what they need.

Build In Time For Discovery

It's challenging to develop an opinion on something when you're still trying to figure out what it is. Providing time for students to process and discuss with others will deepen their understanding of a topic and allow them to hear others' perspectives.

Multiple Assessment Methods

Provide students the opportunity to express their voice in the most powerful way for them – art, poetry, video, a paper, or an activity. Allowing this flexibility gives them more choices to demonstrate evidence in their learning and understanding.

Create a Risk-Taking Culture

Reward risks and recognize those who share an opinion or position. Creating a classroom culture in which students are praised for taking risks and showing boldness can foster a more open and participatory learning atmosphere. It will also create curious learners who can formulate thorough examination, as well as listen to and engage in respectful discourse. In addition, oral arguments foster a stronger student voice and learning community.