

# Ideas for Stimulating Interest

## 4 Quick Tips for Getting Students to Care

Every teacher out there is wondering: How do I get my students to care? The answer is far closer than you would imagine.

### 1. Give Students Control

Ask them what makes a class “good”? Students love feeling like they have control. Research continues to show that students that have some control over the learning process, perform better.

### 2. Discussion-Oriented

Students enjoys classes that often allows them to think critically about the information being presented to them. This is an opportunity for teachers to captivate the interest of students. Allow students to form their own opinions, share their opinions, and debate.

### 3. Relevancy

One day what they are learning will be applicable to their career, making this connection is important. Moreover, show youth how the skills they are learning now can impact them later. Perhaps invite guest speakers. Students may enjoy simulating UN, Congress, or a court case in order to see how it feels.

### 4. Make Connections Beyond the Classroom

Whether virtual or not, think of ways that students can expand their learning. Perhaps

pen-pals to a foreign class or even writing a letter to their local legislators. For the more adventurous, field trips are always a plus.

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