

Hot Topic Session 7: Engaging Adolescents in Distance Learning

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Session Topics



1. Supporting Independence in Distance Learning
2. The Value of Parent - Teacher- Student Partnerships in Distance Learning
3. Determining Appropriate Roles in Distance Learning

"Empowering is about ownership and agency. Providing opportunities for voice and choice in learning experiences is how we create learning experiences that empower learners."



Innovate Inside The Box

Adolescents in Distance Learning

Encouraging a gradual release of responsibility and successful independence prepares students for future real world experiences.



How do we support the needs of adolescents in Distance Learning?



1. Identify the Teacher's Role

- ❖ Create **rigorous** learning opportunities to support all students in distance learning
- ❖ Foster student voice to make distance learning **relevant** to students' interests
- ❖ Be **available** to students for ongoing support as needed



2. Engage the Parent's Role

- ❖ Set clear and responsible expectations
- ❖ Encourage student choice in managing the distance learning day
- ❖ Make connections to personal interests and future goals
- ❖ Stay involved and informed in your student's progress



3. Empower the Student's Role

- ❖ Get organized
- ❖ Be on-time and prepared
- ❖ Stay connected
- ❖ Ask for Help



In summary...

Adolescence is an important period for cognitive and social-emotional development. Teens will develop the ability to problem solve and explore their interests as they are given opportunities to take their own steps towards independence.



Take-Away Task



Empower student agency in Distance Learning:

- ❑ Talk openly to your student about the value of everyone's role in distance learning:
 - Teacher and parent support
 - Your expectations
 - Their needs
 - Their responsibilities
 - Their plan
 - Their goals

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