

Next Steps for Encouraging Academic Success

If you attend to three elements—integration, interaction, and individualization—you can create a classroom environment all students deserve. The following tool details some steps you can take to experiment with integration, interaction, and individualization in your classroom. For each step, note the date you tried it and reflect on how it went: What did you do? How did it go? What would you change? What's next? There are spaces available at the end for you to plan additional steps you can take toward a student-centered approach to teaching.

Next Steps Tried	Date Tried	Reflection
Survey students about their learning styles, personal interests, and what they hope to learn in your class.		
Organize a unit of study about a question that taps into students' interests.		
Try collaborative groups for one marking period. Let students know you will be monitoring the groups and the quality of their group work will determine whether they continue to work in groups.		
Let students know you will not be grading one type of assignment—for example, lab notes, journal entries, or mathematics facts—but you will make comments and save their work.		