

Design a System of Scaffolded Supports

Foundational Supports – Universal Design

Overview

- Define Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Identify key components of UDL
- Describe how UDL may be used to support all learners, with examples

Why use UDL?





- Everyone learns differently.
- Learning uses three brain networks (affective, recognition, strategic) but
- the way each person's brain uses these networks to process information is unique.
- Educators can support the diverse ways students learn by designing instruction to engage all three brain networks.

(PaTTAN Desk Reference, Universal Design for Learning, 2021)



What is UDL?

• UDL applies neuroscience to provide a framework to guide educators in designing learning environments and experiences that meet the need of variable learners (CAST, 2021).

- Framework
- Based on neuroscience
- Supporting all learners

UDL is a Framework

- Meant to be used in proactive planning, not as a reactive measure
- Offers flexibility in instructional design
- Is not a checklist or step-by-step instructions



UDL is based on neuroscience



- Supported by research on how areas or networks of the brain are engaged in specific aspects of learning
- Identifies a principle of universal design that corresponds to each brain network

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Provide multiple means of Representation

> Recognition Networks The "WHAT" of Learning

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Action & Expression

Strategic Networks The "HOW" of Learning Principle

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Expert learners who are...

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Resourceful & Knowledgeable

Strategic & Goal-Directed

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UDL supports all leaners



- Designed to meet the diverse needs of all learners (learner variability)
- Focuses on creating and improving learning environments and activities, not "fixing" or changing the learners
- Empowers students to be self-sufficient (expert learners)



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Expert Learners

How to leverage UDL?



- Coupled together, explicit systematic instructional practices and UDL support teachers in differentiating and scaffolding their instruction for diverse learners (Hall, 2014; Archer & Hughes, 2010; Pattan Desk Reference Universal Design for Learning, 2021; Pattan Desk Reference Effective Instruction, 2019).
- UDL ensures that all learners can access and participate in meaningful, challenging learning opportunities by:
 - Prioritizing student-directed instead of teacher-directed learning
 - Eliminating barriers
 - Building in flexibility (providing multiple means of...)

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Provide multiple means of...



Engagement

Becoming interested and sustaining effort

Representation

Accessing and engaging with content

Action & Expression

Demonstrating learning

Questions to consider

- How will you motivate students and stimulate their interests? (engagement)
- How will you provide students with ways to interact with content in flexible ways? (representation)
- How will you provide students with flexible options to demonstrate their learning? (action and expression)
- How does using UDL in instructional planning ensure learning is equitable?



Steps to Consider for English Learners –The <u>WIDA "Can</u> <u>Do" Approach</u>

- 1. Build a portrait of each English learner's strengths, interests, and cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
- 2. Think about different ways to engage your English learners by tapping into what you found out in Step 1.
- 3. Provide feedback that builds on what English learners *can do* and that scaffolds, rather than rescues, learning.

Resources



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Center for Exceptional Children (2021). High Leverage Practices for Students with Disabilities.

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