



Teaching Neurodivergent Students

Classroom Strategies That Support All Learners

Commons on Campus Quick Study Workshop

Workshop Goals

1. Use open communication to support students.
2. Use clear routines and structures to reduce stress.





Activity: Understanding Student Challenges

Think about challenges students may face with time management, organization, instructions, or asking for help.

How confident do you feel supporting these needs?

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Engage Video: Notice What Can Change



What messages, check-ins, or channels support student needs?



What routines, deadlines, or instructions reduce confusion?



What could work in your own class or student-facing role?



What is one change that could improve communication or structure right away?

Activity 1: Build a 5-Question Student Survey

Purpose

Identify one thing you need to learn about students' needs or preferences.

Draft

Write five brief questions students can answer quickly.

Check

Make sure the questions are clear, practical, and easy to act on.

Use

Decide when students will complete the survey and how you will respond.



Expert Talk: Kathryn Welby, EdD

As you watch, listen for one practice you can try first.

Choose one: survey, weekly routine, rubric-first milestones, or backchannel.

Pair discussion: How will you collect feedback from students about your use of this practice?

Activity 2: Structure Sprint

Select one course routine, assignment, advising process, or student-facing workflow. Then strengthen it by making the steps, timing, expectations, and communication path easier to follow.

1. Select: Choose one routine or task.
2. Clarify: Name the confusing points.
3. Structure: Add a pattern, rubric, or checkpoint.
4. Share: Make the change transparent.

Reflection

1. Intentional changes can support neurodivergent students and benefit all learners.
2. Open communication helps you understand and respond to student needs.
3. Clear routines, consistent weekly patterns, and early rubrics can reduce stress.

Prompt: What is one small change you will make this week, and how will you make it transparent to students?

THANK YOU

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