



30 Fresh Ideas to Engage Your Mentee

At a recent Mentor Monday session, attendees came up with a list of 30 fresh ideas to engage your mentee. Here is the complete list:

1. Student driven homework
2. Find your passion (reviewing magazine articles)
3. Play a game (Loaded Questions, Uno, etc.)
4. Homework for the mentor, an opportunity to learn more about what your mentee is interested in
5. Assessments for conversations (both mentee and mentor take together)
6. Volunteer Opportunities
7. Finding their interest, utilize a talent
8. Discuss academics, help students advocate for themselves
9. Talk about travel, places to see (utilize a map) and discuss cultures, food, share pictures, etc.
10. Current events related to career interest
11. Sharing about family (siblings, parents, etc.)
12. Discuss college possibilities
13. Help a mentee relax- ask "What do you do for fun?"
14. Think outside of the box
15. When possible, attend your mentee's 1-on-1 meeting with their College & Career Coordinator, to be involved and stay connected
16. Discuss life goals
17. Prioritization and organization strategies
18. Engage in discussion about activities that your mentee is interested in (clubs, sports, etc.)
19. Summer experiences
20. Practical conversations
21. Sharing preferred learning styles
22. Keep a journal to track the conversations and develop a to-do list
23. Let your mentee come up with questions of his/her own
24. Share your about your own life, hobbies, etc.
25. Communication skills, demonstrating self-confidence
26. Discuss books
27. Always being on time, builds trust with your mentee
28. Build a connection through Champions For Learning
29. Help build back-up plans
30. Continue to attend Mentor Monday sessions and network with other mentors!