The 5E Model of Instruction



5E Definition	Teacher Behavior	Student Behavior
Engage		
 Generate interest Access prior knowledge Connect to past knowledge Set parameters of the focus Frame the idea 	 Motivates Creates interest Taps into what students know or think about the topic Raises questions and encourages responses 	 Attentive in listening Ask questions Demonstrates interest in the lesson Responds to questions demonstrating their own entry point of understanding
Explore		
 Experience key concepts Discover new skills Probe, inquire, and question experiences Examine their thinking Establish relationships and understanding 	 Acts as a facilitator Observes and listens to students as they interact Asks good inquiry-oriented questions Provides time for students to think and to reflect Encourages cooperative learning 	 Conducts activities, predicts, and forms hypotheses or makes generalizations Becomes a good listener Shares ideas and suspends judgment Records observations and/or generalizations Discusses tentative alternatives
Explain		
 Connect prior knowledge and background to new discoveries Communicate new understandings Connect informal language to formal language 	 Encourages students to explain their observations and findings in their own words Provides definitions, new words, and explanations Listens and builds upon discussion form students Asks for clarification and justification Accepts all reasonable responses 	 Explains, listens, defines, and questions Uses previous observations and findings Provides reasonable responses to questions Interacts in a positive, supportive manner
Extend/Elaborate		
 Apply new learning to a new or similar situation Extend and explain concept being explored Communicate new understanding with formal language 	 Uses previously learned information as a vehicle to enhance additional learning Encourages students to apply or extend the new concepts and skills Encourages students to use terms and definitions previously acquired 	 Applies new terms and definitions Uses previous information to probe, ask questions, and make reasonable judgments Provides reasonable conclusions and solutions Records observations, explanations, and solutions
Evaluate		
 Assess understanding (Self, peer and teacher evaluation) Demonstrate understanding of new concept by observation or openended response Apply within problem situation Show evidence of accomplishment 	 Observes student behaviors as they explore and apply new concepts and skills Assesses students' knowledge and skills Encourages students to assess their own learning Asks open-ended questions 	 Demonstrates an understanding or knowledge of concepts and skills Evaluates his/her own progress Answers open-ended questions Provides reasonable responses and explanations to events or phenomena