

5 WAYS TO SCAFFOLD INSTRUCTION



Pursue paths that resonate

Invite students to identify and pursue learning paths that resonate with their strengths, interests, and future goals. Be sure to ask students to reflect often on whether their choices support their learning journey.



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Engage with various grade-level materials

Offer students a variety of ways to engage with grade-level materials (digital platforms, hands-on activities, creative arts), encouraging them to select the formats that best suit their learning preferences without lowering the rigor of the standard.

Provide a toolbox of choices

Rather than prescribing specific resources, provide options for students to choose from, including graphic organizers, visual aids, choice boards, examples, vocabulary, and/or different ways of working with the content.



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Let students choose how they show what they have learned

Provide different ways for students to show us what they have learned that align with grade-level standards so they are graded in "construct relevant" ways.

Consider how you can share firm goals with students, success criteria, and numerous tools, and then ask students to reflect on the question, "How can I incorporate my interests or passions int demonstrating my learning while still meeting the educational standards and success criteria?"

Focus on Mastery & Improvement

Offer targeted feedback focusing on mastery and improvement, followed by opportunities to refine and enhance their work; this supports growth and high levels of learning!

