Environments that facilitate community learning and promote the extensive benefits that come from learner-learner engagement will elevate student learning. Through establishing a foundation of community in online learning, students will grow from the benefit of collaboration with peers. Online learning requires community and collaboration to maximize the development of critical skills.
HELPFUL HINTS for putting standard into practice

- Start building a foundation of academic safety in your classroom environment that will encourage learners to be engaged and ready to learn together.
- Intentionally build relationships between learners during synchronous and asynchronous times that will foster a culture of collaboration.
- Emphasize community as a value within your online teaching practice.
- Employ question-based teaching strategies that help students develop higher level critical thinking skills.
- Develop curriculum that allows students to collaborate and learn from peers while demonstrating and reflecting on the learner-learner benefits.
- Leverage the synchronous time with students to scaffold learning to higher levels of comprehension through application and demonstrated learning.

RESOURCES to support standard use (mostly practical)

- Teaching Strategies for High-Order Thinking Skills
  - Depth of Knowledge Question Stems
  - Applying Webb’s Depth of Knowledge Levels
  - Additional Depth of Knowledge Question Stems
  - Question Stems Based on Bloom’s Taxonomy
  - Depth of Knowledge: 4 DoK Levels & Proven Strategies to Increase Rigor
  - Effective Questioning Techniques
  - Questioning Toolkit
  - Generating Effective Questions
  - Collaborative Learning Tips and Strategies for Teachers

- Building Community in Online Schools
  - 4 Tips for Building Relationships with Remote Students You’ve Never Met
  - 8 Strategies for Building Belonging with Students and Families Virtually
  - Building Connections
  - How to Build an Online Learning Community
  - How to Create Community in a Virtual Classroom
  - 25 Community-Building Activities for Virtual Classrooms

- Establishing Academic Safety in Your Classroom
  - Teaching Digital Expectations - Virtual Classroom Management
  - 5 Minute Connectors
  - 6 Strategies for Building Better Student Relationships
  - Are Students Misbehaving? Take a Closer Look at Your Own Teaching
  - 4 Approaches to Building Positive Community in Any Classroom
  - Here’s What to Know About Moving Classroom Management Online

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