

Mr. Barge's Instructional Tip of the Week! Planning with a Purpose!

'Tis the season to be planning. I am delighted to see our students back in their classrooms and receiving the **CARE** that has come to define our community. We

kick the 2022-2023 year off with a clear Instructional Focus (Planning) and clear expectations (Community Expectations are posted around the building). We have learned so much about our students, and about ourselves, over these last few years and it requires ongoing reflection, and an emphasis on "Knowing Every Student Well," to plan effectively.

Since the pandemic, I have come to realize that the needs of many of our students have changed and

Planning +
Preparation
What do I want students
to learn? (Ia, Ie)

• Set attainable skill and content learning
objectives

• Plan activities and questions that
directly correlate to learning
objectives? (3d)

• Constantly assess student performance and circulate with a purpose
• Provide tasks that elicit evidence of understanding and critical thinking
• Provide high-quality, focused feedback

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Planning and Instruction

some of the strategies and approaches I used for lessons were not connecting with students the way they once did, or the way that I anticipated. Already this year I have modified my opening activities (motivations) to be more culturally relevant and spark student discussion. Additionally, I have placed more of an emphasis on skill building strategies to help focus on

good work habits and study skills.

COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

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As we start the school year, we are all continuing our efforts to adjust our lessons and pacing calendars to the semester. Ongoing reflection will be key to growth and **CARE**. Having spent some time reflecting over the first seven instructional days of the semester (today is instructional day #8), I have already made some adjustments to ensure that my timing allows me to finish my lessons.

I look forward to our work ahead, our continued reflections, and our efforts to "plan with a purpose." I thank you all for your dedication and commitment to the students of Edward R. Murrow High School. Have a wonderful semester!

... because at Edward R. Murrow High School, we CARE about our students!