



Chapter 6

Student Engagement and Motivation in Personalized Learning


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ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION TO STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND MOTIVATION IN PERSONALIZED LEARNING

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According to this theory, students are motivated to engage in activities they expect to succeed in and those they value as important or useful. If students perceive a task as too difficult or irrelevant, their motivation to engage with it may decrease. Educators can therefore enhance engagement by designing learning activities that are appropriately challenging and clearly linked to students' interests and real-life applications (Abdeldayem, M. M., et al., 2020). Moreover, formative assessments and feedback play a crucial role in this process by helping students gauge their progress and make necessary adjustments. When students receive constructive feedback, they can better understand their strengths and areas for improvement, which helps them stay motivated and engaged. The role of teacher-student relationships cannot be overlooked in understanding student motivation. Additionally, the influence of classroom climate on student motivation is significant. A positive, inclusive, and respectful classroom climate can foster engagement by making students feel safe and valued. Conversely, a negative or overly competitive environment can undermine motivation by creating stress and anxiety. Strategies such as promoting collaborative learning, recognizing diverse talents, and creating a supportive atmosphere are essential for nurturing a motivational climate. In conclusion, understanding the psychology of engagement involves recognizing the complex interplay of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, the fulfillment of basic psychological needs, the impact of goal-setting, the role of teacher-student relationships, and the influence of classroom climate. By addressing these factors, educators can create a learning environment that not only fosters student motivation but also enhances overall engagement, leading to more meaningful and sustained academic experiences. As educational practices continue to evolve, ongoing research and

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