

STARTING THE CONVERSATION: ADVANCING COMMUNICATIVE JUSTICE IN OUR CLASSROOMS

Your task: With colleagues, discuss each principle. For the first column, think of examples of each principle from your own experience as a teacher, learner, or your own use of data. In the second column, list ideas you'd like to incorporate into your own practice.

PRINCIPLES Adapted from Weinstein, G. (2004). Moving toward learner-centered teaching with accountability. <i>CATESOL Journal</i> , 26(1), 1–14.	CURRENT PRACTICES What do I already do that puts these principles into practice?	FUTURE EXCITEMENTS What new ideas, projects, activities would I like to try out to put these principles into practice? What help do I need to do this work?
 Require ongoing inquiry (listening to/learning about learners) Identify interests, needs, curiosities, & frustrations about data. Identify learning styles and preferences. Learn about learners' contexts and the value of data: issues and challenges. Learn about learners' contexts and the value of data: resources and possibilities. 		
 Build on what learners know Identify learners' current knowledge, skills, hopes, & attitudes towards data. Honor and celebrate language, culture, and diverse ways of knowing. Provide opportunities to integrate the past with the present. Nurture intergenerational transmission of culture, values, and diverse ways of knowing. 		



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 3. Balance skills and structures with meaning making, knowledge creation, and the use of data for community-owned purposes Give learners the language and strategies for 'speaking data.' Develop skills for addressing learners' purposes for using, producing, and sharing data. Provide opportunities to address those purposes. Provide learners with opportunities to develop confidence and trust in their own voice as a "data storyteller." 	
4. Strive for authenticity	
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 Provide access to authentic tasks and tools, accessible to non-technical users, for working with data. Move beyond "rehearsal" to authentic interactions with data in pursuit of real learner needs and purposes. Focus on supporting meaningful engagement with data, less on learners' technical mastery of a tool or the creation of 'shiny' graphics. Aim to document outcomes that matter to local communities, such as language use, social action, data equity, leadership. 	



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5.	Promote shared responsibility of the classroom as a "data workspace" among learners and teachers
	 Build in learner choice over what to learn and how. Create mentoring opportunities in which more experienced learners help new learners. Foster learner initiative in setting goals and monitoring progress. Provide opportunities to apply new skills/practices outside the classroom, and share their knowledge with diverse audiences.
6.	Build 'data-storytelling' communities of learners and
	teachers
	Create opportunities for sharing stories and experiences.
	 Provide support for analyzing problems and 'making data messy.'
	Create opportunities to collectively develop action plans
	for using, producing, sharing data.
	Provide opportunities for reflection and planning for
	further action.
	Engage teachers and other stakeholders as co-learners
	in on-going discovery.