

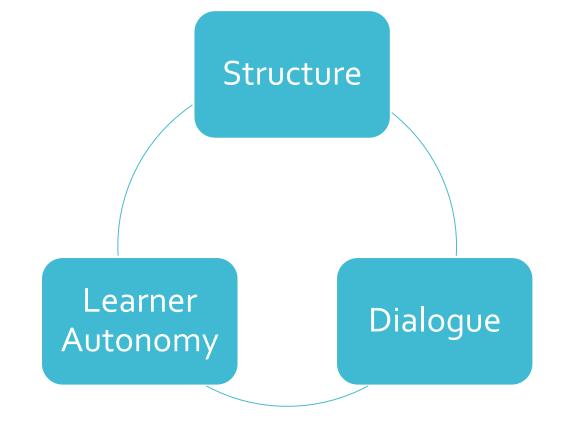
# Student Connection and Rapport in the Virtual Environment

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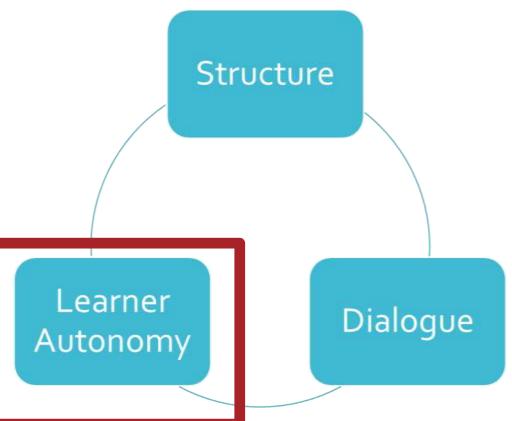
Learning Outcome: How can we personalize a generic course and develop connections with students.

Transactional Distance Theory

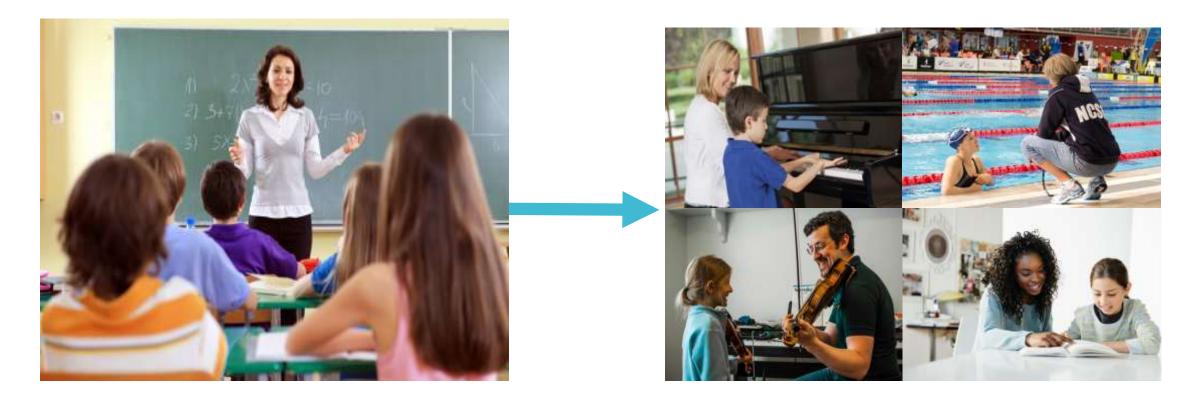


Autonomous learners can set their own learning objectives, manage time efficiently, recognize their own misconceptions or lack of understanding, and seek help when necessary. For the most part, K-12 students are still developing learner autonomy and often require more structure and dialogue from their teachers in an online learning. It is the role of an online K-12 teacher to develop learner autonomy in their students through dialogue and additional structures in place.

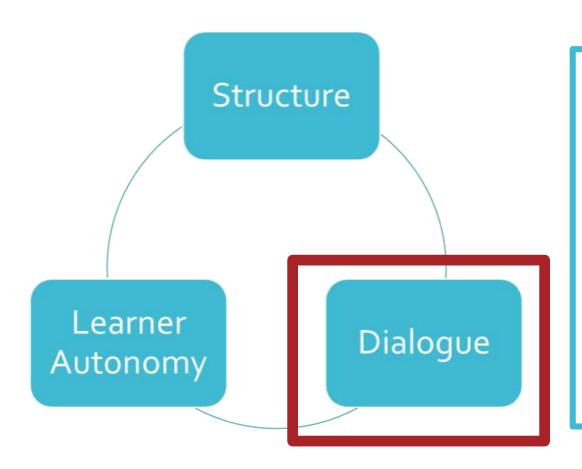
# Transactional Distance Theory



### **Shift In Relationships**



#### **Transactional Distance Theory**



Dialogue are the interactions that students can have with the structure, other students, and teachers in a course. Dialogue is crucial to learning in an online setting. Although students typically engage in high amounts of dialogue with the structure of the course, the most impactful dialogue students have in online learning is with their teachers. Teachers engage in dialogue by making the communication positive and purposeful. Consistent dialogue with teachers ensure mastery of the standards and objectives of our curricula and allows the opportunity for teachers either to enrich or remediate learning for their students. Creating a Communication Culture •To keep the interaction between student and teacher at the center of our instructional model

#### Communication

### Meet the Teacher Call

### Feedback on Meaningful Assessments and before Unit Tests

Support Calling

#### Communication

### Meet the Teacher Call

- Meet the Teacher Call
  - Get to know your students and their motivations for taking the online course
  - Check their contact information
  - End with growth mindset (learning is meant to challenge you, the brain is like a muscle, you might not succeed on the first try, we learn best from our mistakes)



cultures, and they need more immigrants to help many cultural expectations required to be three primary reasons immigrants come to America al freedom, and cultural freedom. America should migrants. Though some believe otherwise, America trican culture of immigrants to live here. It equates gs ethnic minorities into mainstream American life. thnic origins.

#### Assignment Comments

Argumentative Essay Learning Goals: Students will state and defend a claim with research-based evidence from credible and reliable sources.

Students will: use an appropriate text structure for argument writing that includes a focus on audience and purpose, clearly organize reasons and evidence, use appropriate transitions to clarify and connect information, use engaging strategies for an introduction (example: personal story) and avoid listing the points of the argument, use interesting strategies for a conclusion (example: call to action) and avoid repeating the points of an argument, discuss and respond to counterclaims of the argument, exclude irrelevant or trivial information, and cite sources in-text and in the Works Cited.

#### Hi, Saniya!

As stated before, written arguments are challenging as authors try to remain objective even with emotionally charged topics. I know there were a lot of notes in your rough draft, and I can see you addressed many of them in this version. Your work shows you understand how to maintain objectivity while supporting reasons with credible evidence from reliable sources. As a reminder, any time you use someone else's ideas and/or words, you need to cite the source in two places: 1) parenthetical (in-text) citation AND 2) Works Cited section. This is the only way you can give full credit to your sources and avoid plagiarism.

As you move forward, take a moment to:

-read you work out loud- this helps hear the flow of words and ideas, and you can often pick up on unclear sentences, missing words, etc. that you miss when reading silently

-avoid passive voice; See this resource: https://bit.ly/3qxuCf0

-avoid free standing quotes by using the Quote Sandwich method for incorporating, explaining, and connecting textual evidence to your paragraph topic and claim: Quote Sandwich Resource: https://bit.ly/3jQ72HZ

-continue to use transitions to connect ideas within a paragraph as well as move between paragraphs: Great resource: https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/transitions/

#### Communication

Feedback on Assessments

### Communication

Weekly Student Support and Advocacy • "As the nature of the communication becomes more critical, use closer forms of communication with more frequency."

• Since we work at a distance from our students, the engagement data can serve as our observational data in the classroom.



Student hasn't logged-in in over 3 Days



Student is not On-Track to meeting a Benchmark



## Student has a failing grade

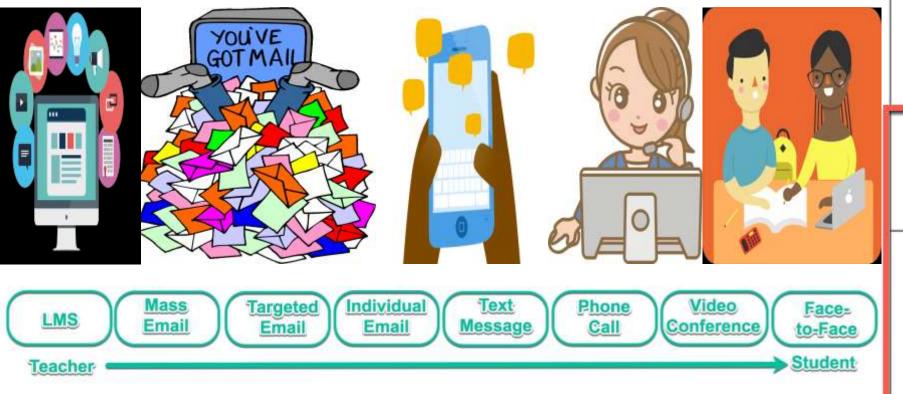
Provide Targeted Instruction/Motivation through the most appropriate means of communication. "The more critical the communication, use closer forms of communication with more frequency."

### Just-in-time Direct Instruction

Collect actionable student performance data

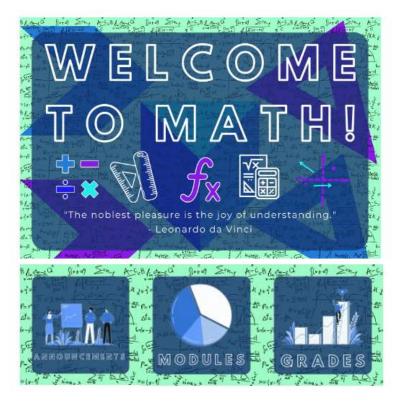
Use student performance data to group students flexibly, frequently, and strategically

Use student performance data to provide targeted instruction



Structure refers to the systems in place in which students learn and educators manage student learning. Homepage ٠ Welcome Video About the Teacher • Announcements Newsletters Structure Learner Dialogue Autonomy

#### Homepage





### Welcome Video



#### About Your Teacher



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#### Announcement

•	•	Weekly Update (09-19-22) 1 Section Good morning, everyone.We've reached the beginning of Week 7, and this is our Weekly Update. This Wednesday and FridayAll Fulton County	Posted c 5ep 19, 2022, 8:31 A
•	•	Weekly Update (09-12-22) 1 Section Good morning, everyone.We've reached the beginning of Week 6, and this is our Weekly Update. School Progress ReportsSometime this week, 6 Reply	Posted 4 5ep 12, 2022, 9:26 A
•	•	Weekly Update (09-06-22) 1 Section Good morning, everyone.We've reached Week 5 of the term, and this is our Weekly Update (just a short one with two reminders this time). Rem ← Reply	Posted Sep 6, 2022, 9:16
•	•	How to Schedule DBAs (and Sorta-FAQ) 1 Section Hello, everyone.Pve sent out the link for DBAs (which is the same as for Meet the Teacher Calls) and information about scheduling several times $\leftarrow$ Reply	Posted Aug 30, 2022, 9:44
•	•	Weekly Update (08-29-22) 1 Section Good morning, everyone.We've reached Week 4 of the term, and this is our Weekly Update. This time, we won't have any repeated information K Reply	Posted Aug 29, 2022, 8-15

## FV ELA Weekly Update

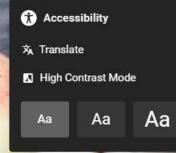
WEEK 7: FALL

Last week, we discussed tips for setting and reaching goals. This update takes you to the next step where you need to manage your time to reach your daily goals. Time Management is

something that most people struggle with at different times in their lives, so this information is

**OFFICIALLY FINISHED 1/3 OF THE FALL** 

Today begins week 7, which you are 1/3 of the way through the fall term.



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for now AND later!

#### INTERNATIONAL "TALK-LIKE-A-PIRATE" DAY

If you are feeling a bit silly, today is the perfect day for you. People across the globe will join together by speaking like a pirate throughout the day.

Need help with pirate vocabulary? Check out this site: How to ...

#### Conclusion:

Creating a personalized course can develop connections with students.