

# Learner Options to Enhance Motivation and Learning

Learner Options include:

*Content* - Students should be able to explore content that has personal value.

- Expanding options to include a wide sampling of topics that are currently popular with the majority of students (e.g., animals, sports, music)
- Ask students to identify additional topics they would like included
- Options the teacher identifies as important and worthwhile.

*Process* - Students should be helped to pursue outcomes and levels of competence that reflect their continuing interest and effort.

- Process outcomes can be expanded by adding procedures that are widely popular (e.g., video or audiovisual materials)
- by adding those of special interest to specific students, or
- by adding those newly identified by the teacher.

*Structure*- It is expected that those with the lowest motivation are likely to need the most support and guidance. At the same time, they are likely not to seek help readily. Moreover, those with avoidance motivation tend to react negatively to structure they perceive as used to control them.