

Four Ways to Turn Online Exploration Into Lifelong Learning



Learning is not an adventure that begins in a classroom and ends at a graduation ceremony. It is a journey that continuously evolves as students explore their passions and interests.

Stackup helps schools set the course for that journey by measuring student engagement and online learning in multiple contexts. Below are four ways school districts and teachers can leverage this solution to inspire students to become active readers and lifelong learners.

1 Understand how students are using technology.

With greater access to technology, students can now leverage the biggest library in existence—the world wide web. Schools must take full advantage of the educational benefits made possible by computers and understand what students are doing online.



STACKUP TIP: Stackup automatically measures online reading, engagement and learning across all programs, apps and websites. With **robust, educator-designed dashboards**, teachers and administrators can track student activity by category, reading level and website.



2 Promote the exploration of learning.

Embrace the advantages of educational technology to mold students into responsible and informed digital citizens. Help them harness the power of digital tools by encouraging safe, self-directed exploration of the internet.



"Learning takes root when academic institutions recognize and make interest-driven learning relevant to school."¹

STACKUP TIP: The **Stackup Library** is a launchpad featuring curated articles from across the web, organized by reading level, subject area and category.



3 Let students drive, and personalize their learning experiences.

Give learners time to discover what motivates them, and reward their choices. Offering credit for any kind of reading helps students gain confidence in their abilities, build reading endurance and find relevance in their learning.



STACKUP TIP: Educators can create **Stackup Challenges** that are aligned to students' interests or passions to encourage more reading and engagement.



4 Make real-world connections.

Understanding individual student passions and tying them to relevant examples in everyday life sets the stage for success and drives academic goal setting, college readiness and intentional career planning.

By using insights from the subject categorization in the **Stackup Dashboard**, schools can engage students in meaningful conversations about what happens beyond school and prepare them for the future.



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