

**DRAMATIC SOLUTIONS**

**Welcome!**

You have joined us for:

**Games, Engagers & Brain Breaks for SEL and Academic Achievement Level 1**

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**Our Story**

- Met in grad school at New York University and both worked in New York City School System.
- Both are Board Certified Registered Drama Therapist.
- Developed Dramatic Engagers in 2005 at Juvenile Detention Center.
- Received numerous awards in education, community programs and organizations.

**Presentation goals**

- Seven Core Concepts
- The CAT Model
- What is Drama-Based Learning?
- What are Dramatic Engagers?
- Brain Science
- Strategies you can use for community building

**5 CORE APPROACH**

Process Communication (CAT) Method

Engagers

Accountability

Social and Emotional Development

**3 Principles of Success (CAT)**

Community Building

Amplify Learning

Transfer Knowledge

What are some major challenges facing schools?

**10 Major Challenges Facing Schools**

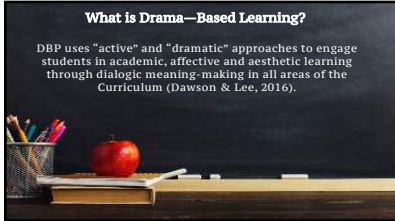
- Classroom Size
- Poverty
- Family Factors
- Technology
- Bullying
- Student Attitudes and Behaviors
- No Child Left Behind
- Parent Involvement
- Student Health
- Funding

**Six Principles to Creatively Teach the Brain**

**ATTENTION**      **BOREDOM**      **PRACTICE**

**The Brain Science:**

Social activities like talking and laughing cause the body to release the hormone oxytocin. This helps us to bond with others. Those bonds create a feeling that's often called "psychological safety." When students feel psychologically safe, they're more likely to participate in class discussions, ask questions, try to do an assignment even when it's hard, or talk in a tone of voice that's appropriate for the situation.



**WHAT ARE DRAMATIC ENGAGERS?**

**Dramatic Engagers**

Dramatic Engagers are strategies designed to increase active and cooperative communication and develop social and emotional development in the learning environment. It increases attention, retention and boost morale.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role Play</li> <li>Impromptu</li> <li>Writing</li> <li>Designing Costumes</li> <li>Designing Props and Costumes</li> <li>Formal Review: Still Pictures</li> <li>Role Play and Extension of</li> <li>Panel Commentaries</li> <li>Making Puppets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acting with Props</li> <li>Making Masks</li> <li>Role Playing</li> <li>Role Playing</li> <li>Role Playing</li> <li>Role Playing</li> <li>Role Playing</li> <li>Role Playing</li> <li>Role Playing</li> <li>Role Playing</li> </ul>
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**Dramatic Engagers**

- No acting skills required
- Every 10-15 minutes
- Dramatic play
- Build trust
- Use in every lesson

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**Benefits of Dramatic Engagers**

- Reinforce the intent of the lesson
- More students will learn more of what you want them to know
- 100% student engagement versus individual student engagement
- Reduced discipline problems
- Reluctant students get to "practice" in a small setting with a partner before speaking to the whole class
- Students can also choose to share their thoughts, their partner's thoughts, or a combination of the two
- Increased academic achievement
- Improved self awareness, social skills and social relations
- Improved thinking skills

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**Dramatic Engagers Used Today**

- Jack in the Box
- Zip, Zap, Zop
- Think-Link-Sinc
- Guess who the leader is
- All around the room
- Countdown

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