

Using Twitter for Student Engagement

Relevance of Topic: Twitter is an exceptional platform for not only our own professional development, but for that of our students. The students and/or educators can develop their own hashtags/platforms/chats for their classrooms and create questions and answer sessions, LIVE, that are truly relevant and meaningful to *them*. If used correctly and consistently, it can be a tool for sustainable and personalized PD.

Before beginning, please create a Twitter account if you do not already have one. Just go to [Twitter.com](https://twitter.com/) and follow the new account or sign-up option. <https://twitter.com/>

1. Step by step instructions on how to host or join a Twitter chat:

<https://buffer.com/library/twitter-chat-101>

It is a good idea to be very familiar with Twitter and have participated in Twitter chats before hosting your own.

2. How to find Twitter chats, use this link: **I prefer just to search topics in the search bar on the Twitter page**, but there are also other platforms to use like this one, if you prefer:

<https://www.tweetreports.com/twitter-chat-schedule/> Great ones to participate in are **#PLN365** (every Tuesday night at 7:30-8:00pm) and **#EduGladiators** (every Sat. 8:00 am)

3. How to create a hashtag, use this link:

<https://twubs.com/>

Example: I used the name of my course Intro2Teaching and Intro2SpecialPops. My personal hashtag I use for blogs is #LatimerLeadership. You could further customize it to pertain to OC as well.

4. Ways to use Twitter for Student/Educator Engagement:

- Ongoing personalized PD. You can search various topics of interest and participate in chats—you do not have to host to get the benefits.
- Increase your Professional Learning Network (PLN)
- Be able to have relevant, meaningful, and professional conversations with people in your field all of the world
- Create your own chat and then have students moderate and create weekly question and answer sessions
- Find and participate in research topics (for assignments/activities)
- Broaden your school's reach by incorporating OC's hashtag and tweet exciting activities that are going on in your classroom

For other ideas on how to use Twitter: <https://www.teachhub.com/50-ways-use-twitter-classroom>

