



# Teacher Tips & Tricks to Win the State Challenge

These proven strategies come straight from top-performing classrooms across the country. Use them to spark engagement, build momentum, and lead your school to the top of the leaderboard.

## 1 Host Power Hours & Jam Sessions 🔥

Create dedicated Prodigy time during or before school (like “Prodigy Power Hours” or “Jam Sessions”). Gather students in a shared space to answer questions together!

## 2 Lead From the Front 💪

Don’t just assign, play! Join your students during Prodigy sessions, cheer them on, and show you’re in it with them.

## 3 Celebrate Every Win 🎉

Track progress publicly with classroom boards or hallway displays. Celebrate “most improved,” “daily MVPs,” or “milestones” not just leaderboard rankings.

## 4 Use Simple Incentives 🎯

Small rewards go a long way: shoutouts, printable certificates, or classroom perks. It’s about recognition, not cost.

## 5 Build Cross-Classroom Energy 🌐

Host duals or triangulars between grades, and collaborate with other teachers to run joint sessions that build community and competition.

## 6 Integrate Cross-Curricular Learning 📖

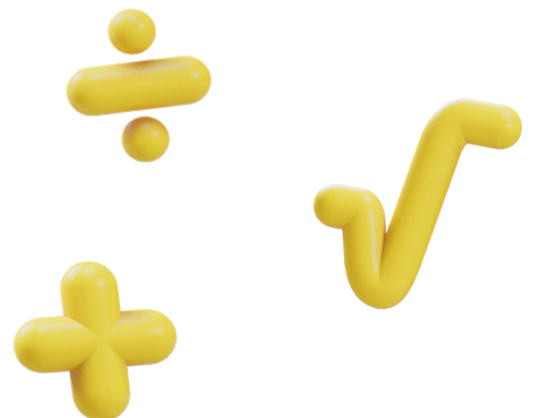
Turn the Challenge into a geography or social studies opportunity. Have students research other schools, cities, and states they’re competing against.

## 7 Teach with Purpose 🧠

Make sure students are doing purposeful practice. Set targeted assignments, check progress, and talk about the why behind every session.

## 8 Coach Your Fellow Teachers 📢

Host “coaches’ meetings” to train others on using Prodigy effectively — from understanding dashboards to setting quick quizzes. The more your school is aligned, the better you’ll perform.



## 9 Use the State Challenge Resource Hub ✓

Check out our ready-to-use printables and resources:

- Teacher manual
- Certificates to recognize effort
- Tournament kit templates
- Progress trackers
- Parent communication resources
- Printable graphics

## 10 Stay Connected 💬

- **Check your email** for updates and leaderboard standings.
- Not receiving them? Re-subscribe or update your contact info.
- Questions? Reach out to [support@prodigygame.com](mailto:support@prodigygame.com) or 1-866-585-4655.

## 11 Refer Other Teachers 🤝

The more classrooms involved, the more momentum your school has. Encourage your colleagues to join.



## 12 Join the Facebook Group ☀️

Tap into the official Prodigy Teacher Facebook Group to share tips, get inspired, and celebrate success with others.

## 13 Make It Fun 😄

Run teacher-vs-student challenges, post class goals, or play “beat the leaderboard.” Keep things light, exciting, and positive.

## 14 Encourage At-Home Play 🏠

Remind students (and parents) that playing Prodigy at home keeps the learning momentum going and every correct answer counts toward your school’s State Challenge score! Share our ready-made Parent Letter from the Resource Hub to make it easy for families to get involved.



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for a chance to be featured.