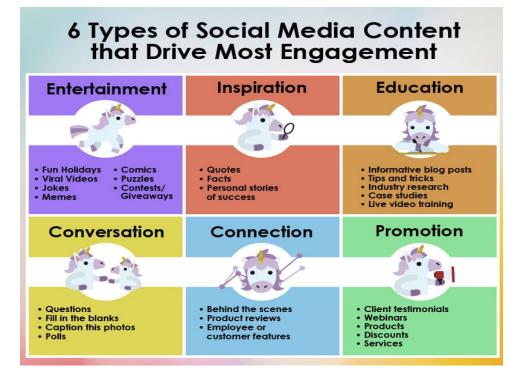
[This is an informational document outlining benefits of SM, types of SM posts, and SM marketing for Educators.]

Social Media (SM) + Educational Institutions

6x Types of SM Content that Drive the Most Engagement:



Different SM Formats to Utilize:

- 1. Short-form video > All platform algorithms are currently pushing "short-form video content"
- 2. Images > 61% of users find images the most engaging
- 3. Text-Based / Text-Only / Typographic > build brand awareness + trust
- 4. URL/Links to other content > 'Linkbacks' directly improve engagement
- 5. Live Video > 37% of users find live video the most engaging
- 6. Long-form video > to develop relationships
- 7. GIFs > very short-form videos, easily digestible, favored by younger gen
- 8. Memes > show brand personality
- 9. User-Generated Content > the most trustworthy content type
- 10. Discover other types of content that work for your audience

| The most engaging types of in-feed social content | | | |
|---|------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| 66% | Short-form video | 26% | User-generated content |
| 61 % | Images | 24% | Long-form video |
| 37% | Live video | 13% | Audio |
| 32% | GIFs/memes | 11% | URL/links to other content |
| 32% | Text-based posts | | |

30+ More Post Ideas for Educational Institutions

- 1. Testimonials
- 2. Past Achievements
- 3. General Galleries (Mix of the school environment, cultural programs, games programs, classroom learning photos, Practical classroom photos, A video tour of your school facilities, etc.)
- 4. Degree + Certification Program Informational Posts
- 5. Blog or website posts (about their school's curriculum, facts and figures, students' experimental study, etc.)
- 6. About Staff, Lecturers, or Profs
 - a. An interview with a teacher highlighting their favorite thing about their area of study, the school, or their students.
- 7. Question + Answer // Polls (Schools and colleges can publish questions about improving the education system. Moreover, they can ask their audience about their present situations in the education system.)
- 8. "Why" posts (dig out the facts and figures about any topic, it increases engagement if the topic is relevant to your audience's interests.)
- 9. FAQ
- 10. How-To Guides (answering the public on how they can perform a particular task.)
- 11. Tips + Trick // Hacks
- 12. Videos (formarts outlined above)
- 13. Inspirational Quotes
- 14. Success stories
- 15. Field trip // Educational Tour Posts
- 16. Festival / Holiday Wishes
- 17. Fun Facts
- 18. User-Generated Content
- 19. Case Studies (is a research in-depth and detailed examination of specific cases. It provides actual information about some topics.)
- 20. Infographics (that provide information, data, knowledge, or procedure for some tasks.)
- 21. Facts + Stats
- 22. Admissions season announcements (Last Day to Apply / Last Day to Ad / etc)
- 23. Scholarship announcements
- 24. Program announcements (changes or adjustments to current program offerings.)
- 25. Event announcements (calling parents and others to participate in events your school organizes.)
- 26. Call to action (request users to perform a specific action in response to your published posts)
- 27. Industry News + Insights
- 28. A graphic that outlines what your school is doing to keep students and staff safe this year.
- 29. A video that shows how your school is preparing for a new year.
- 30. Interview a recent graduate and ask them how they feel your school prepared them for the next stage in their life.
- 31. Feature an interview with a parent talking about the difference your school has made for their child.
- 32. Share an article about a special alumnus you've had and ask them to send you a quote you can feature about how your school played a role in their success.
- 33. Share a picture of a group of friends from your school with a quote about how that friendship has impacted their life and how it was formed at your school.
- 34. Highlight a student in one of your programs (band, a language club, football, etc.) talking about what they enjoy most about their experience.

Benefits of Using Social Media in Education

- 1. Extends Learning Opportunities
- 2. Create connections with Students & Alumni
- 3. Build Brand Identity // Making people aware of your educational system
- 4. Positive benefit for students toward technology
- 5. Inspiration and motivation for students

Social Media in the Classroom

- 1. Broadcast updates, news, and alerts related to course or program
- 2. Live stream lectures + discussions (Twitch/ BlackBoard /Internal platform)
- 3. Use Twitter or a class Blog (Slate /VCs) for discussions + cross-channel learning
- 4. Prep for post-graduate connections and create alumni relationships

Social Media + Educational Marketing

- 1. "Student and Teacher influencers can provide user-generated content, which satisfies a prospective student's desire to see authentic content from their peers and future profs."
 - a. For example, Chapman University professor @itsmattprince went viral after challenging his class to earn 1 million likes on a TikTok video in exchange for canceling their final:
- 2. Include social media links on your main school website (email blasts /beginning of term announcements).
- 3. Give glimpses into student life through photo + videos by highlighting events, sports, extracurriculars and the beauty of campus can make your school stand out from the rest.
- 4. Create Alumni Community groups
- 5. Iterate social strategy to create student-centric content
 - a. "to keep students engaged, institutions will need to produce content that caters to the wants and needs of their audience(s)."

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