Creative Thinking
25 Strategies*
(DoL 5)

The Prerequisites
Modeling creativity
Building self-efficacy

Basic Techniques
Questioning assumptions
Defining and redefining problems
Encouraging Idea generation
Cross-fertilizing ideas

Tips for Teaching
Allowing time for creative thinking
Instructing & assessing creativity
   (Invention, Synectics, Brainstorm, Starburst, Prepcreate)
Rewarding creative ideas and products

Avoid Roadblocks
Encouraging sensible risks
Tolerating ambiguity
Allowing mistakes
Identifying and surmounting obstacles

Add Complex Techniques
Teaching self-responsibility
Promoting self-regulation
Delaying gratification

Use Role Models
Using profiles of creative people
Encouraging creative collaboration
Imagining other viewpoints

Explore the Environment
Recognizing environmental fit
Finding excitement
Seeking stimulating environments
Playing to strengths
The Long-Term Perspective
Growing creatively
Proselytizing for creativity

* This is a good resource for teachers wanting in-depth explanations about creative thinking and for suggested strategies to promote creative thinking in their students.