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What is Student Centered Learning?

Student-Centered learning is most often defined as a form of active learning where students are engaged and involved in what they are studying.



Methodology:

Implemented lessons in subject areas of math, science, and social studies which involved

- Hands-on learning activities
- Collabrative interaction among students

Data was drawn from lesson plans, student work, recorded observations.



Research Questions:

What are effective ways to meet the needs of these students in classroom lessons?

How can I implement student-centered activities in a way that students still obtain all the information that would be presented to them in a traditional teacher-centered lesson?

What are students' reactions to learning that is centered around their needs?



Why Student-Centered Learning?

Research-Based Benefits:

Improved retention rates

Motivation

Self-efficacy

Teaches skills relevant in today's society

Helped close the achievement gap by bringing up scores in minority schools

Findings:

Teacher takes on role of facilitator rather than expert

Students engaged and interested → fewer behavioral problems

make connections from school to everyday life

Enjoyable for teacher and students

Memorable classroom experiences

Students take ownership in their learning

Teacher must be efficient with time