

DODGE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student Centered Classrooms

Cooperative Learning

Target Instructional Goal 50%

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Provide students with opportunities to interact with each other in groups in ways that enhance their learning.

Generalizations From Research

1. Organizing groups based on ability levels should be done sparingly.
2. Cooperative learning groups should be rather small in size.
3. Cooperative learning should be used consistently and systematically, but should not be overused.

Example Activities

- Project-Based Learning
- Wikis
- Collaborative Writing
- Special Note: Cooperative Learning IS NOT only "collaborative groups." Collaborative Groups are one form of Cooperative Learning, and Cooperative Learning is anything that involves students interacting with one another in a learning process.

Recommendations & Ideas

1. Use a variety of criteria to group students
2. Use informal, formal, and base groups
3. Keep groups to a manageable size
4. Combine cooperative learning with other classroom structures

