



## Classroom Collaboration

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### **“Cultivate a collaborative environment in the classroom.”**

Implement collaborative learning in classrooms and develop successful learners. This framework enables teachers to recognize characteristics of collaborative classrooms, be aware of student and teacher roles, and practice group activities as an essential part of the classroom. Teachers are introduced to school-wide policy reforms in place today that promote collaboration and group activities. Teachers are also provided with ideas and strategies to accommodate learners, including students with special needs. The practical examples, real-life experiences, and templates in this online course provide teachers a structure to use in their own classrooms.

### **Standards:**

This course aligns to all of the INTASC Standards including Learner Development, Learning Differences, Learning Environments, Content Knowledge, Application of Content, Assessment, Planning for Instruction and Instructional Strategies.

It also aligns to all of the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content, Teachers Facilitate Learning and Teachers Analyze and Reflect.



## Course Outline:

### Lesson 1: Introduction to Collaborative Learning

What is Collaborative Learning?  
 Why should students collaborate?  
 Collaboration vs. Traditional Approach  
 Benefits and Importance of collaborative learning  
 Overview on Effective Collaboration in the Classroom  
 Alignment of collaboration to State Standards  
 The Collaborative Learning Model

### Lesson 2: Collaborative Tools and Strategies

Characteristics of a collaborative teacher  
 Grouping Strategies  
 Designing grouping assignments  
 Collaborative Learning Techniques

- Discussion
- Reciprocal Peer Teaching
- Structured problem-solving
- Graphic Organizers
- Writing

Web Tools for Collaboration  
 Examples of Collaborative Projects  
 Interactions in a Collaborative Classroom  
 Activities that students can collaborate on  
 Around the world collaboration  
 Resources for collaboration

### Lesson 3: The Collaborative Classroom

Characteristics of a Collaborative Classroom  
 Student and Teacher Roles in a Collaborative Classroom  
 Preparing for Collaborative Activities  
 Examples of Classroom Collaboration  
 Collaborative Learning Spaces  
 Managing today's classroom

### Lesson 4: Assessment, Accommodations, and Challenges

Collaborative Assessment  
 Approaches to Collaborative Assessment  
 Challenges in a collaborative classroom  
 Conflict Resolution  
 School-wide policies to promote collaboration