ADVANTAGES OF COOPERATIVE GROUP WORK

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There are effective ways on how to cope with various demands of learning. In the face-to-face classroom set-up, our learners gain knowledge and skills from his/her peers intentionally or unintentionally. Applying a Cooperative Group Work will assist the teacher to make the contents easier for the learners to understand. The following includes Cooperative Group Work advantages in your lessons together with some creative ways of grouping your students:

There is less encouragement for pupils to disturb the class to get your attention because attention is being received naturally – from the other members of the group.

Affirmative peer connections are developed as a result of pupils helping each to influence a conjoint goal.

Increased pupils gain confidence and motivation by working collaboratively with higher achieving students. The intellectually capacitated pupils also given enough opportunity to gain by organizing and assisting their fellow group members – their understanding of the material is reinforced.

It saves the teacher time. Once students get used to the cooperative learning structure they successfully teach themselves to learn independently. The teacher is permitted from relentless demands for attention and give quality support when it is required rather than when it is demanded.

Socially adaptive skills such as responsibility, accountability, self-expression, decision-making, sharing, listening, and conflict management are naturally practiced
and developed. This has a great impact on reducing the manifestation of behavioral problems brought about by in need of these skills.

There are numerous means to group learners when you’re preparing a group activity. Diverse types of groupings have different benefits and challenges, so the type you choose depend on various aspects. In some cases, it advisable to allow pupils to pick their own groups but commonly it will be up to the facilitator, which groupings work best for the class and particular projects.

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