ADVANTAGES OF COOPERATIVE LEARNING

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The teachers primary role is to facilitate pupils learning. As a matter of fact different strategies, techniques and methods of teaching are being used by the teachers just to achieve the desired learning outcome. But their choice of teaching method must depend on what fits the pupils. One of the best methods that can really contribute to maximize learning inside the classroom is cooperative learning. It is highly recommended procedure by the experts. Through this method, the pupils learn to relate among their peers and other learners as they work together in a small group. The pupils will have an opportunity to discuss new concepts with someone close to their level of understanding. This can be especially helpful for pupils who have difficulty with social skills because they need to cooperate and work with one another in order to accomplish shared goals.

But there are still things that a teacher must take into consideration in using this method: setting of standards, team recognition and equal opportunities for success. The teacher must always set certain standards so that the group will work orderly. Then every after the activity the team must be recognized for the effort they have done. Lastly, no child will be left behind. The teacher must see to it that every pupil is doing his/ her part and try to establish the proper environment for cooperative learning. Within cooperative situation individual seeks outcomes that are beneficial to themselves and so to other group members and so it falls under pupil-centered approach because learners are placed in responsibility of their learning development.

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