

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BEST LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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For learning to be more effective, the environment needs to be conducive to learning, allowing the grade school pupils a space and time to interact within the learning and teaching process. Creating and maintaining stimulating environments can be achieved through effective classroom organization, interactive and whole-school displays, and a climate of innovation. Having a comfortable physical space where children can sit comfortably, see and understand what their teacher is saying, as well as socialize with their fellow classmates is one of the major components of a conducive learning environment.

The best learning environment should have the following characteristics that would encourage learners to be interactive and more participative in class:

1. The best learning environment is one with the high challenges and low stress.
2. Ritualized and patterned positive teacher behavior influences performance.
3. Constant and varied exposure to new material encourages quicker and deeper learning.
4. Differentiated structures are necessary for effective individualized learning.
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6. Music can be used to improve recall as well as create the chosen learning environment.
7. Incorporate a range of teaching strategies within planning.

8. Ensure resources are appropriate, accessible, identifiable, and relevant to children's learning needs.
9. Environment should support pupils to become independent and active learners.
10. Adopt a collaborative approach when planning for children's needs.
11. Good visual displays can improve recall and call the attention of learners by 80%.
12. Equal opportunities from an integral part of the formal and informal curriculum.

Take time to consider these helpful steps and evidently, you can feel the big difference in the mood and behavior of pupils in the classroom.

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