

THE PEDAGOGICAL BALANCE: NAVIGATING TEACHER-CENTERED INSTRUCTION IN MODERN EDUCATION

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As the traditional and tried-and-true method of teaching, teacher-centered instruction puts the teacher at the center of the student's learning. According to this methodology, teachers are in charge of setting up and running the classroom. Students are typically seated in rows facing the teacher in a classroom. Although occasionally collaborative activities may take place, teacher-led instruction is most common. In this situation, the teacher is the main source of knowledge and direction, and the students take on a more passive role, soaking up information from lectures, explanations, and assignments.

According to proponents of teacher-centered instruction, a consistent and thorough education for students is guaranteed, who claim that it provides structure and clear direction. The teacher's expertise is essential for knowledge to be transferred and understanding to be fostered. Furthermore, because it enables focused explanations and demonstrations, this strategy can be especially effective when introducing new concepts or topics. However, critics frequently draw attention to the fact that it may restrict students' opportunities for critical thinking and active engagement, which could hinder their ability to acquire problem-solving techniques and independent learning habits.

Teacher-centered instruction is still common in many educational settings despite the ongoing controversy surrounding it. Its success largely depends on the situation, the subject matter, and the teacher's flexibility in incorporating active and student-centered learning techniques when necessary. For the purpose of delivering a holistic and

successful education, finding a balance between teacher-centered and student-centered approaches can be important.

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