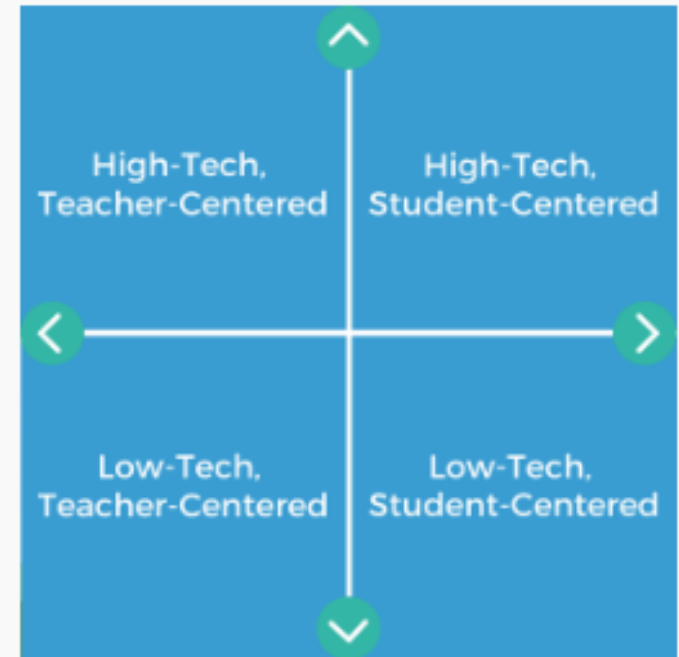


Teaching Methods

The term **teaching method** refers to the general principles, pedagogy and management strategies used for classroom instruction.

Your choice of teaching method depends on what fits you — your educational philosophy, classroom demographic, subject area(s) and school mission statement.

Teaching theories can be organized into four categories based on two major parameters: a teacher-centered approach versus a student-centered approach, and high-tech material use versus low-tech material use.



Teacher-Centered Approach to Learning

Taken to its most extreme interpretation, teachers are the main authority figure in a teacher-centered instruction model. [Students are viewed as “empty vessels”](#) who passively receive knowledge from their teachers through lectures and direct instruction, with an end goal of positive results from testing and assessment. In this style, teaching and assessment are viewed as two separate entities; student learning is measured through objectively scored tests and assessments.

Student-Centered Approach to Learning

While teachers are still an authority figure in a student-centered teaching model, teachers and students play an equally active role in the learning process.

The teacher's primary role is to coach and facilitate student learning and overall comprehension of material, and to measure student learning through both formal and informal forms of assessment, like group projects, student portfolios, and class participation. In the student-centered classroom, teaching and assessment are connected because student learning is continuously measured during teacher instruction.

Teacher-Centered Approach

Direct Instruction

- Formal Authority
- Expert
- Personal Model

Student-Centered Approach

Inquiry-Based Learning

- Facilitator
- Personal Model
- Delegator

Cooperative Learning

- Facilitator
- Delegator

High Tech Approach to Learning

Advancements in technology have propelled the education sector in the last few decades. As the name suggests, the high tech approach to learning utilizes different technology to aid students in their classroom learning. Many educators use computers and tablets in the classroom, and others may use the internet to assign homework. The internet is also beneficial in a classroom setting as it provides unlimited resources. Teachers may also use the internet in order to connect their students with people from around the world.

Below are some tech tools used in classrooms today:

- [G Suite](#) (Gmail, Docs, Sheets, Classroom, Drive, and Calendar)
- Tablets/laptops
- Gamification software (such as [3DGameLab](#) and [Classcraft](#))
- Education-focused social media platforms (such as [schoology](#) and [seesaw](#))
- [Technology accessibility](#) for students with disabilities