**Design Your Classroom For Collaboration in a 21st Century Space**

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| Display:   * Genius bar * Activate back wall * Studio corners * White boards with one device for immediate collaboration * Visual gallery/display at lower levels * Interactive displays * Only necessary items shown | Storage:   * Remove clutter * Not used in last year…toss * Individual white boards * Make containers, bins, etc easy to identify * Critical thinking games ( labeled clearly, lego, marble works, puzzles,e tc) |
| Furniture:   * Easy to move around * Create space * Circle/kidney tables * Bigger tables * Matts * Big pillows * Comfy chairs * Circle of chairs * Yoga balls, stools * Shell shaped chairs that rock | Teaching Zone:   * Moved into class * Clean, efficient space * Useable * SMARTboard easily seen by all |
| Personality:   * colour * promote collaboration, student lead learning, exploration, digital technologies, creativity * lights off, lamps used * blues and greens have calming affects | Other:  “ Active Student Learning”   * classroom corners: critical thinking corner, creativity corner * quiet space/ booths “ Cave space” * walking lanes * Tinker Station * Video booth from a fridge box |

**Questions to Consider:**

1. What are your key routines and activities?
2. When are classroom successes amplified?
3. When are challenges seen by physical environment?
4. How do your students learn best?
5. Identify THREE priorities you would like to transform. ( Example: peer to peer learning, environment of trust and comfort, flow and mobility, teaching zone efficiency, storage, student furniture)
6. Decide what you feel is already working: ( keep class motos, beliefs, displays, etc)
7. What isn’t working in your classroom and brainstorm ways to tackle this issue.
8. What supplies and materials do students use most often? Brainstorm the best ways to store them.

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