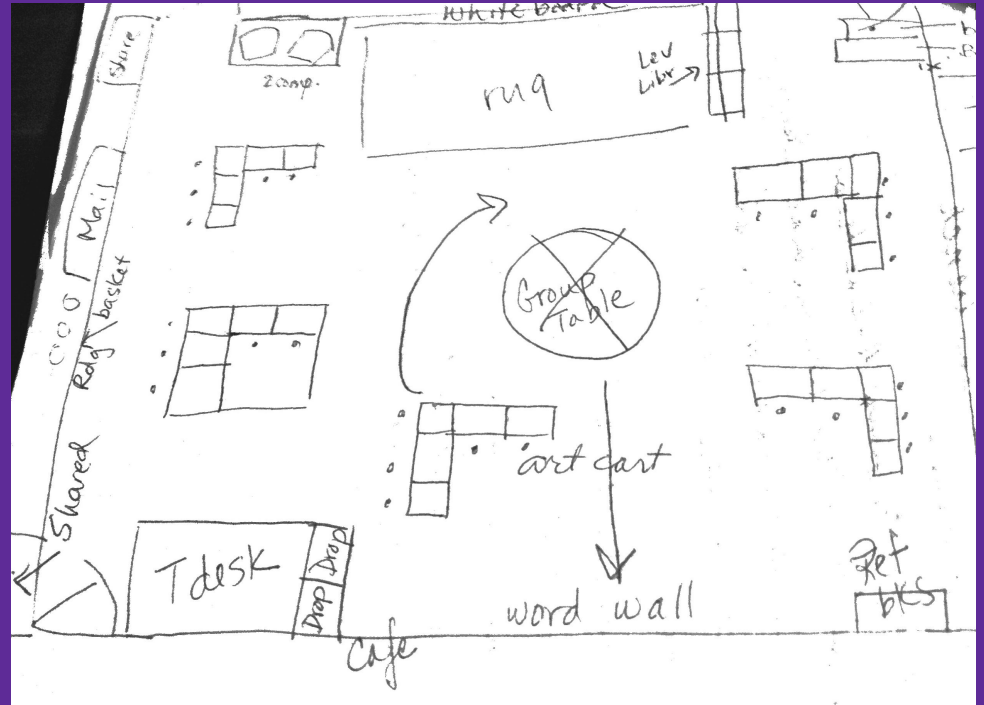


Classroom Redesign: Learning Spaces for 21st Century Learners

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Sketch to Stretch

Sketch a bird's eye view of your classroom floor plan.



Teacher Nerds Unite!

Thank you for joining us! As a first or second year teacher, you are primed and ready to be a reflective practitioner and improve your craft! Thank you for joining us today!



Turn and Talk

What factors influenced the “look” of your classroom?

Describe how your different furniture arrangements contribute to the types of learning activities you use.



Gallery Walk

Gallery Walk: Things to Think About

- What do you notice about the setting?
- What are the students doing?
- How does this match or mismatch with what you know about 21st century learners?



Image: Sixth grade, Boulder City, Nevada, public school via Wikimedia





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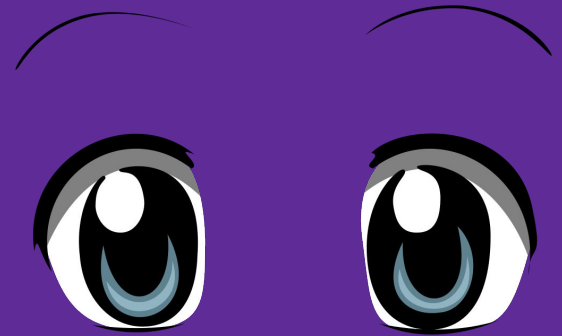
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Synthesize the Gallery Walk



Whose classroom is it anyway?

- Involve **students** in the design
- Allow **students** to modify the design based on their learning
- Neutral, monochromatic tones and colors that are gender sensitive for **students**
- Classroom should be “**student-centric**” not “teacher-centric”

Unwrapping 2E: Organizing Physical Space

- Safety and accessibility
- Arrangement of furniture and use of physical resources



2E: Organizing Physical Space “Look Fors”

- ❑ Spaces for quiet and noisy activities are provided
- ❑ Furniture arrangement allows for large and small group activities
- ❑ Centers for exploration of content in the form of labs, circles, etc.
- ❑ Furniture provides good traffic flow;
- ❑ Materials are accessible;
- ❑ Teaching aids, boards, charts, projectors/computers are skillfully positioned and utilized
- ❑ Students are involved in supporting an organized, safe classroom through assisting with transitions, equipment, materials and supplies



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Elements of 21st Century Classroom Design

- **Every** part of classroom is **purposeful**
- **Variety** of spaces and places
- **Flexible** seating & **open** floor space
- Furniture easily arranged to **promote collaboration**
- **Student choice**
- **Promote** attention, structure, access and order

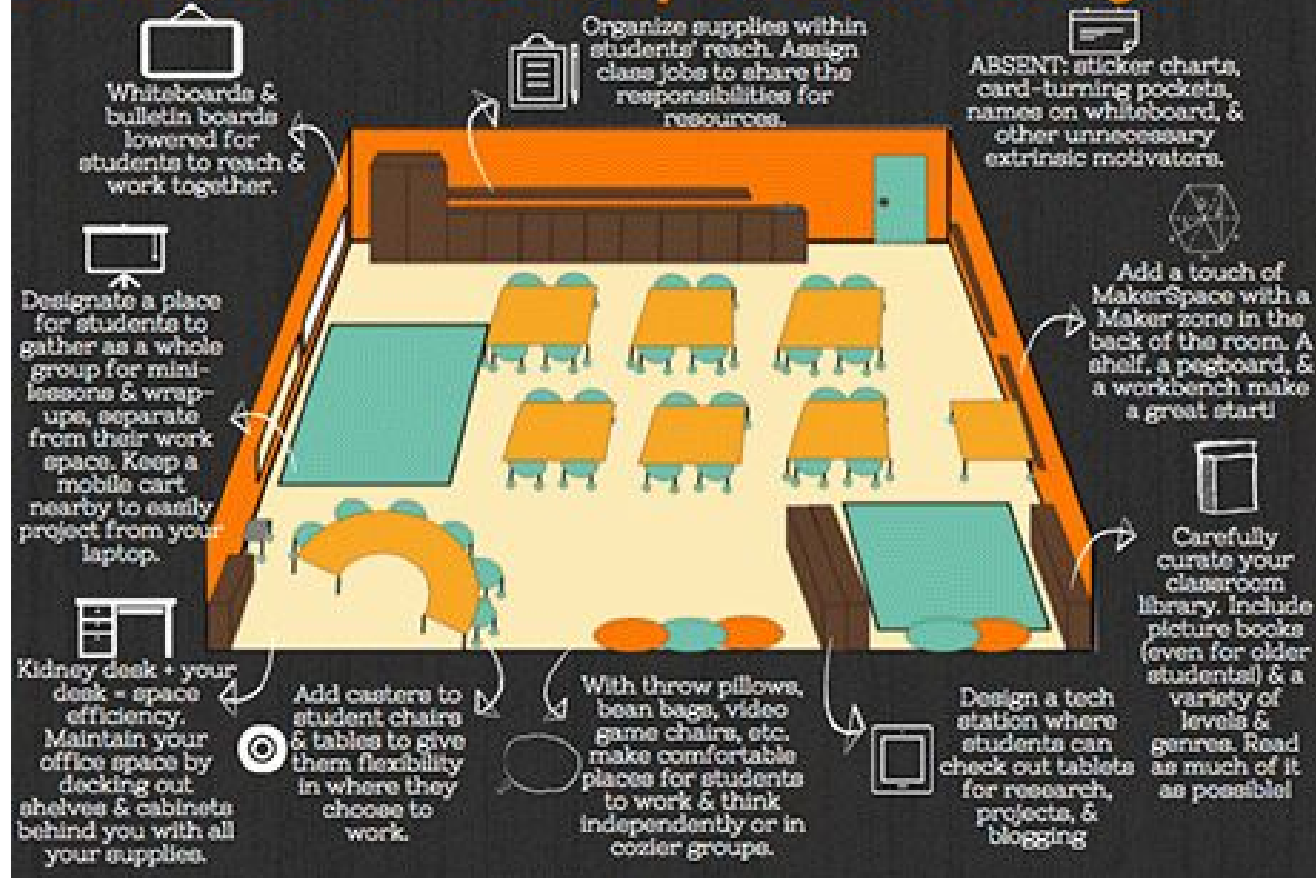


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Design on a Dime

Repurpose existing items

Curbside finds

Garage sales

Dollar Store



Start Small

Lower existing tables

Move desks to the perimeter

Bathroom rugs/yoga mats/placemats

Stackable chairs

Multipurpose crates



FAQs

Do you have a seating plan?

How do you keep students from arguing over seats?

How do you ensure students are selecting smart choices on where to work?

What do your colleagues think of this?
Administrators? parents?



COME AS YOU
are. Do the BEST
that you can. We're
all family here,
SO NO seating
plan... 😊

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