

Strategies for the Multiple Computer Classroom

Begin by teaching your whole class how to work independently and quietly on tasks while you are instructing small groups. This will allow you to seamlessly integrate computer-based activities.

Instructional Strategies

- 🖥️ Make sure all of your students have signed the CCSD Acceptable Use Policy
- 🖥️ Use the computer station as a center while other activities are going on in the room
- 🖥️ Create clear instructions for the computer activity and demonstrate it to the whole class first, then have the directions at the work station as well
 - 🔗 Post directions for lesson
 - on eChalk Class Page or
 - on paper at workstation
 - 🔗 Create task cards and assignment sheets
- 🖥️ Divide students into small groups
 - 🔗 Assign students to work at the computer individually or as teams
- 🖥️ Prepare an off computer anchor activity for whole group; this will keep everyone on task at all times
- 🖥️ Make the students accountable for their computer activity
 - 🔗 Assess completed work (project or worksheet)
 - 🔗 Debrief an online activity with a journal entry such as: *What you did, what you learned, how it impacts you as a student*

Classroom Management Strategies

- 🖥️ Create a monthly schedule and rotation procedures—apply all year long
 - 🔗 Consider
 - attention span of students (individualization may be necessary)
 - adapting schedule for student absences
- 🖥️ Create a plan for when a substitute is in the room
- 🖥️ Place a timer at the workstation
- 🖥️ Establish clear procedures for use of computer
 - 🔗 Make sure each student can log into the computer
 - 🔗 Make sure each student can save their work correctly
- 🖥️ Maximize your resources and minimize interruptions
 - 🔗 Instruct students carefully on group work procedures
 - 🔗 Have a plan for students to get help when you are busy with other students
 - Train a few responsible students to serve as peer mentors
 - Create a signal system for students who need assistance at computer
 - 🔗 Make sure students know when they can seek help from you

Implementation Strategies

- 🖥️ Create a lesson plan
 - 🔗 Create a backup plan just in case of technical difficulties
- 🖥️ Organize your materials
 - 🔗 Gather the hardware & software you need before you start such as LCD projector, headphones or speakers
 - 🔗 Bookmark sites to visit
 - Consider using your eChalk class page or bookmarks
 - Double check your sites the day before
- 🖥️ Become comfortable with all hardware and software involved in lesson
 - 🔗 Make sure everything is working
 - 🔗 Make sure there is paper in the printer
 - 🔗 Know login procedures
- 🖥️ Model the lesson for students, include:
 - 🔗 How to use the software
 - 🔗 How to access and navigate a website
 - 🔗 How to get assistance
 - 🔗 If applicable, show a sample of the final product

