

Reflection on Classroom Practices

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The mission of the Upper Arlington City School District is to prepare, inspire, and empower all students to be life-long learners and socially responsible citizens, able to communicate and to lead with confidence in an ever-changing global society through a learning environment distinguished by:



- Safe, secure, and caring schools;
- Rigorous and relevant academic experiences;
- Opportunities for expression and creativity;
- Opportunities to develop citizenship, teamwork, discipline, and integrity

Physical Space

In this school three classes was observed:

- Media art
- Design and Art
- Wood

Classroom size for Media art class is 8 m x 10 m. Existing facilities in the class are: 16 computers, teacher desks, printers, cupboard, with the lay out as in figure 3. Many pictures of students' work was displayed on the classroom wall. Physical space facilitate or promote learning, because students can learn in his own speed and his knowledge.



Figure 1. Product of Media art class

Teacher and Student interaction in Media Art Class

One teacher taught 16 students. Interaction between students and teachers walked very dynamic, students may ask to teacher every time and the teacher will help student. Teaching methods used by teachers is largely problem-solving method. Students are given the basic job/basic picture, then students make the drawing with computer software. Every student can make their own picture whatever they want.



Figure 2. Teacher and student interaction, and the result of student task

Engagement with the lesson

Students with a serious attention when the teacher explains the learning materials. Students are seriously working on his job at their computer/ their work. Teachers walk around the class and give an explanation to students who are experiencing difficulties. The students also helped friends who have problems.



Figure 3. The atmosphere of teaching and learning in media and art classes

Dynamic of the environment

The learning process is run very relaxed, democratic, and encourage students to learn. Students in the task given the freedom to do so. They can create art images in accordance with the wishes of students. Teachers always appreciate the work of students.