

Styles of Teaching

Introduction:

Every work, every action has its own style. Likewise, every teacher has his or her own style of teaching. Teaching style gives direction to a teacher for fulfilment of his professional activities. Teaching style is the combination of principles of teaching, maxims of teaching, methods of teaching and other management strategies for classroom instruction.

Concept of Styles of Teaching:

Teaching is a very skilled job. To performing it every teacher has to become a perfect artist. Without specific style nobody can be an artist. Using teaching style in classroom transaction develops understanding, skills and value relative to the subject matter that to be learnt by the learners. Teaching style represents those enduring personal qualities and behaviors that appear in how we conduct our classes. Teaching styles are how the teachers manage their classes and deliver content. In brief teaching style is that it is the most effective and efficient means of presenting the material as long as the style is appropriate for the subject and the students. Teaching styles develop understanding, skills and values relative to the subject. Teaching style is an identifiable set of classroom behaviors associated with and carried out by the instructor.

Permissive Style of Teaching –

Permissive style of teaching allows the students highly involved in classroom transaction and low involvement of the teachers side in teaching learning process. This style is known as democratic style of teaching because students are allowed to do by themselves. One big advantage is that they can make students feel more engaged than autocratic teaching style. Permissive style of teaching gives opportunity to students to take responsibility for their own learning. Permissive teaching style is a student-centred teaching process only because here they are focused on letting the students run the show. Permissive teaching style is a student-centered teaching style that focuses on letting students guide the lesson. The students choose what and how to learn and are supported in their learning by the teacher. But the ultimate decisions about learning are made by the students. In this style of teaching the content and the strategies are decided on the basis of the learners' needs, capabilities and personalities.

Characteristics of permissive teaching style:

- a) Permissive teaching style is democratic style of teaching.
- b) It tries to serve as a model of good behaviour in classroom teaching-learning.
- c) Permissive style of teaching allows the students to ask questions and get a lot of

independence. In a permissive teaching style, each student talks about whatever he or she wants.

d) In permissive teaching style less, control is maintained.

Group Discussion: It is an organized conversation where group members taking active participation in every aspect of teaching- learning process. It is a process of exchanging ideas and views between teacher and learners. All members of the group are encouraged to participate in all matters of discussion. It is a democratic platform of sharing views among the group members.

Advantages of group or panel discussion –

- It is a motivated interaction.
- There is a scope for logical presentation.
- It can develop effective communication skills.

Disadvantages of group or panel discussion –

- It is a time-consuming process of teaching.
- It is more liberal for the learner which may create indiscipline.
- It is also known as leaderless discussion.

Autocratic style of Teaching –

Autocratic teaching style is teacher-centered or content-centered teaching. Such style allows teacher more active and the learners are only passive listeners. It is style of teaching where the teacher has complete control over the classroom. It is a traditional style that involves the teacher choosing what material to present and how to present it from the point of view of the teacher. As we know that teaching style is only the combination of various methods, strategies and principles in teaching process, several teaching methods come under autocratic teaching style such as tutorial method, textbook method, storytelling method, lecture method etc. Teacher's primary role in autocratic teaching style is to pass knowledge to his students and the students are not allowed to express themselves, ask questions and answer or direct their learning.

Characteristics of autocratic teaching style:

- a) Autocratic teaching style is a traditional style of teaching.
- b) It is teacher-centered or content centered.
- c) In this style of teaching the teacher has full control over students and the teaching. d) No emphasis is given on learner abilities, capabilities, interests and personality. e) It has no scope for use of child psychology and educational psychology in classroom teaching.
- f) In autocratic teaching style teacher makes all decisions.
- g) In the autocratic teaching style strong control is maintained.

Following is the three autocratic style of teaching –

Lecture method: The word lecture comes from the Latin word ‘Lectus’ which means “to read”. It’s an oral instruction given by the teacher in front of the learners. Lecture method is the oldest method where the teacher delivers a well-organized lecture and tries to present the entire content to the learner in a systematic way. In this method teacher remains active all the time and learner remain silent listener only.

Advantages of the lecture method –

- It is the most economical method of teaching
- It helps to develop listening skill in the learner.
- In this method teacher can come into immediate contact with the learner.
- With this method the teacher can complete a lengthy syllabus within a prescribed period of time.

Disadvantages of the lecture method –

- It is only teacher centered method.
- It is not suitable for learner.
- In this method no scope for applying learning by doing principle.
- In this method most of the learners remain inactive.

Team Teaching: Team teaching involves a group of instructors working purposefully, regularly and cooperatively to help a group of learners to learn. In team teaching teachers together set goals for a course, design syllabus and teach students and evaluate the learner.

Advantages of team teaching-

- Team teaching allows for planning and creates open mindedness.
- Working in teams spread responsibilities and encourage creativity.
- The team concept reduce burden.

Disadvantages of team teaching –

- It seeks more time and energy to solve any problem
- It takes long time to make any decision regarding any matter.
- Decision taken by the team teachers may sometimes confusing.

Tutorial: Tutorial teaching method is follow-up teaching of lecture method. It is highly individualized remedial teaching. After delivering the lecture in the general class, the teacher tries to find out the students with problems. These learners are divided into different groups on the basis of similar issue. Then the teachers try to generate teaching relating to the needs, abilities and capabilities of each group of students.

Advantages of tutorial –

- It is based on individual difference principle of teaching, so it is effective method of teaching.
- In this method teachers have to work very cooperatively with the learners.

Disadvantages of tutorial –

- Even in the tutorial group, equal attention cannot provide to all the learners as per requirement.
- Teachers sometimes become biased.