Guide on the Side: Developing a Student Centered Classroom

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You are probably already using some elements of a Student Centered classroom.
Why a "Student Centered" Classroom?

- Greater student engagement
- More effective use of instructional time
What is a “Student Centered” Classroom?

Emphasizes

- Student-student interaction
- Student agency

Students help to determine:

- Content
- Procedure
- Assessment
ACTFL Can-Do Statements

I can...

Interpersonal, Novice-Mid
• communicate basic information about myself and people I know
• communicate some basic information about my everyday life

Presentational, Novice-Mid
• present information about myself and others
• express my likes and dislikes
• talk about my daily activities
Creating a Student Centered Culture

- Classroom arrangement
- Student self-empowerment
- Incorporating student feedback
- Meta-cognitive discussion
The Stereo Controls

- Slow Down / Speed Up
- Again
- Louder
- Sorry, Charlie!

Where Are Your Keys?
http://www.whereareyourkeys.org/
Student Feedback

Parking Lot

Plus

Delta
Language Teacher Makers

- Delegate!
- Talk to students about Student Centered learning
- Train students to teach each other
The Clipboard

- Adapt this to your policies and priorities
- Target Language Use
- Learning Practice
  - The Aha! Moment
  - Collaboration
  - Risk taking
- Communication / Accuracy
Vocab Swap
Free Voluntary Reading
Putting it all together:
- Content
- Procedure
- Assessment
Customize Content

- Families
- Food
- Hobbies, sports and leisure activities
- Favorite ___
- Travel and vacation
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