

Child Centric Education and Its Importance on Modern Education

Child centred education in today's world is based on the thinking that students must be encouraged to learn at their own pace. Their study exercises should be tailored in accordance to their specific needs and with inclination towards their interests. The traditional methods of teaching more often do not produce desirable results. It is leading to students losing interest, piling up of home assignments and poor mental health for teachers, students and parents. Children love to learn when they enjoy their lessons. Child focused schooling makes learning relevant and fun, giving even the tired students an incentive to keep trying. The history of children specific education began in the twentieth century with ideas from John Dewey, Jean Piaget, Lev Vygotsky, and Maria Montessori. It is a reversal from the traditional teacher-centred understanding of the learning process and instead putting students at the centre of the learning process.

Concept of Child Centred Education -


Child centred learning, also known as learner-centred education, broadly encompasses methods of teaching that shift the focus of instruction from the teacher to the student. In original usage, student-centred learning aims to develop learner autonomy and independence by putting responsibility for the learning path in the hands of students by imparting to them skills, and the basis on how to learn a specific subject and schemata required to measure up to the specific performance requirement

Child-centred education places the child first, an approach with the message that all children have the right to an education that helps them grow to their fullest potential. It also focuses on the child's well-being in all areas. This has increasingly made it popular among parent.

To implement a child-centred learning environment, attention must be given to the following aspects of learning:

- The goal of student activity
- The role of the teacher
- Student's motivational orientation
- Assessment
- Student interaction

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Importance of Child Centred Education-

Child centred education begins with teachers involving students in a classroom to share in decision making processes and believing in their capacity to lead. During creative learning when a child chooses the focus of the content he/she can use their imagination to come up with interesting takes on the same subject.

It includes the development of physical capabilities along with intellectual abilities, cognitive or mental abilities, emotional abilities, and social skills. Child-centred teachers engage in an "active learning" process to help the child develop the knowledge and skills needed in all areas.

The core of child-centred education is to help the child become independent, responsible, and confident. Teachers who use this approach want to cover all areas of growth including social, emotional, and physical.


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Child-centred education inspires students to explore what they are most curious about. Children direct their own learning; fostering a curiosity that will stick with them for life. Every child responds better to a different learning style. The child's ideas, preferences, and curiosities are all taken into account.

In the child-centred approach, the teacher takes on the role of a coach. Children create their lesson objectives with the help of the teacher. However, this doesn't mean the child is in control of everything.

The ideas behind child-centred education date back to the 19th century. Back then, kindergarten was believed to be "a garden for children" where kids could learn at their own pace. Children-centred education emphasises the importance of group work. This is done through encouraging students to collaborate on activities that broaden their minds. This approach considers the act of play as a type of work or lesson. When children play, they consistently learn. They discover how to plan, ask questions, and experiment.

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