

# Model Classrooms | a catalyst for 21st Century learning

## In the “olden days”

- Students seated by rows facing forward
- Fact memorization was the priority
- Teachers delivered knowledge, students passive
- Textbooks drove learning

Throughout the district, teachers are creating learning environments that foster the skills students will need to “thrive in a changing and increasingly global society.” Our facilities can play a role in supporting this type of learning. For that reason, District 41 has transformed

## Today

- Students work in fluid groups
- Learner Characteristics a priority
- Teachers facilitate; students active, “own” their learning
- Innovation, creativity, collaboration drive learning

eight classrooms into 21st Century model classrooms to support our focus on the D41 Learner Characteristics and lively, interactive learning. We’ve learned from this project and plan to add more 21st Century classrooms next year.



A variety of learning areas, such as this cozy corner for two, suit quiet, active, group and individual learning.



Ergonomic stools allow students to perch and rock a bit in comfort.



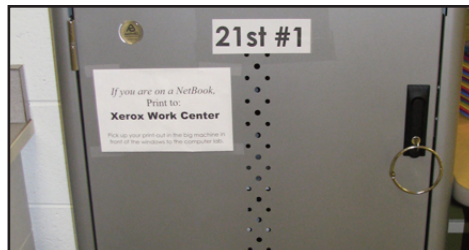
Desks are easily grouped and regrouped for collaborative work.



Lightweight chairs lift easily onto the desk-top at the end of the day in preparation for the custodian.



More seating styles: soft, super-lightweight bean bags accommodate all sizes of students and are easily moved around the room.



Individual portable devices such as netbooks and iPads are safely stored in a locked recharging cart when not in use.



Desktop computers augment the portable devices. Students access Web-based tools for learning from desktop or portable devices.



Sleek ceiling-mounted projector connects to the SMART Board; students enjoy leading lessons using the interactive touch-screen.

