



Classrooms for the Future Underway

Cameron County High School was awarded a Classroom For the Future (CFF) Grant for this school year. Equipment ordered at the beginning of the school year was installed just before Christmas break.

How exciting to receive 3 carts containing 20 student laptops each! Nine classrooms received interactive whiteboards and projectors.

With this grant comes a comprehensive approach by PDE to use equipment and Web 2.0 tools to create change. Classrooms for the future are student centered learning classrooms with teachers comfortable in their roles as facilitators. Collaboration, cross curricular and world view are a few of the concepts that though not new, this initiative moves to bring into practice.

To facilitate and sustain change, courses, training, collaborative efforts and the subsequent recording and reporting are well under way.



Laptop Cart

Classroom Soundbytes

CFF involves 9-12 grade classrooms with the focus in the core subject areas. That hasn't stopped teachers in other disciplines from participating! There are 19 teachers working through 30 hours



White Board

of classwork in addition to their regular duties. These educators have truly taken on the challenge. A peek into classrooms will show that the Math Department using laptops to expand the use of Study Island and to add flip charts adding interaction and integration of text / web resources / and board work. Social Studies classrooms have added a dimension to discuss and display and have students brought researched

topics into story form through the use of PowerPoint.

The English department is making use of student interactive grammar and students are creating timelines from researched literary investigations. Science has taken advantage of "see and try experiments" and visual models that can be labeled. Saving interactive board notes allows for comparison between notes and comments added in different classes.

Resource Highlight

Tools and resources will be identified and introduced in this space. As a prelude, a "wiki" created for teacher collaboration will be the first item introduced. This web page is a space for teachers to place and share resources, interact in discussions, check others ideas and topics possibly leading to cross curricular efforts. Teachers will all be invited to be editors and owners of this page. Others can view and use the resources... only teachers edit/contribute.

<http://ccsdweb2.wikispaces.com>

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I am still learning.
Michelangelo

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