

## Contextual Classroom Environment - A Contrast

### The Teacher Role

<b>Traditional</b>	<b>Contextual</b>
Lecturer	Facilitator
Information provider	Coach/Director
Source of all knowledge and answers	Empowers students
"Sage on the stage"	"Guide on the side"

### The Student Role

<b>Traditional</b>	<b>Contextual</b>
Passive recipient of knowledge	Discoverer and user of knowledge
Remains seated in desk	Active "doer"
Generally not motivated to ask questions	Eager to ask questions that lead to deeper understanding

### Classroom Methods

<b>Traditional</b>	<b>Contextual</b>
Learning in "isolation"	Cooperative learning groups
Rote learning	Gather data to solve problems
Skill drill	Hands-on learning
Memorization	Active learning
Multiple-choice tests	Alternative and authentic assessments