



# LEARNING WITH TECHNOLOGY

Familiar Technology	Advantages	Disadvantages
Carrels	Provide privacy for study and individual work	Can be overused Students may waste time if left unsupervised
Chalk, markers	Easy to use Inexpensive	Can be messy Can cause allergies May have an unpleasant odor
Chalkboards	Easy to use Easy to see across the room Available in most classrooms Relatively inexpensive	Information is not permanent
Charts, displays (e.g., periodic table)	Easily illustrate facts and concepts	May become outdated
Classroom furniture	Different configurations can facilitate different learning contexts or situations	Poor configurations can work against learning or collaboration Some furniture is immovable
Compact disks, CD players	High-quality sound Easy to use Often portable	Relatively expensive Cannot record on disks
Construction paper, manila paper	Easy to use Encourages creativity Many uses Relatively inexpensive	May be overused
Dry-erase boards	Easy to use Easy to see Relatively inexpensive	Information is not permanent
Fax machines	Easy to use Very fast Reach anyone with a fax	Somewhat costly May get junk mail Recipient must have a fax Can yield imperfect or incomplete copies
Film strips	Easy to use Relatively inexpensive	May be outdated Limited interaction
Lab equipment	Most is easy to use Necessary for hands-on experiments	Can be costly Can be dangerous if used improperly May require special storage

















