

AVID Collaborative Study Groups

In Collaborative Study Groups (CSGs), students identify a specific question from a content area and collaborate in small groups to develop and deepen their understanding through inquiry and apply their new learning in order to enhance classroom performance.

Why are CSGs a critical component of accelerating learning?

In addition to the academic benefits, successful CSGs also serve as an independent demonstration of increasing mastery and application of student success skills. These skills include inquiry, note-taking, organization, collaboration, communication, and numerous other skills necessary for college readiness.

	BEFORE <i>Students prepare to participate in CSGs.</i>	DURING <i>Students collaborate to develop and deepen understanding through inquiry.</i>	AFTER <i>Students apply the learning from CSGs to enhance classroom performance.</i>
ACADEMIC SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students identify a specific question based on a concept or problem that they do not understand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students articulate their specific question. Group members use collaborative inquiry to support the student presenter in clarifying confusion and checking for understanding. Upon arriving at a solution, students identify generalized steps/processes that lead to the solution. Students appropriately use related academic vocabulary throughout. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students reflect on the learning in order to make connections between new learning and previous learning, their experiences, themselves, and/or their world. Students reflect on the CSG process in order to continuously improve as active participants.
TEACHER PLANNING QUESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From what sources will questions be derived? Will students choose their own specific question, or will it be assigned by the teacher? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which resources will students need to access? How will students be grouped? How will CSGs be monitored to ensure active participation of all group members? How will students be expected to record their learning? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will students reflect orally or in writing? How will CSGs be evaluated?