WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO USE TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM?

CONNECTING STUDENTS TO KNOWLEDGE

USING DIGITAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT TEACHING AND LEARNING

Teaching and learning are completely different today than they were a decade ago. Technology changes by the minute and it is very important to prepare the students for this ever-changing world. In keeping with this, important investments have been made to improve education and now many schools can gain access to digital resources to support the educational process.

The impact that technology has had on today’s schools has been quite significant and it has completely changed how teachers teach and how students learn.

When teachers introduce technology in the classroom, they are using something that students like, and they are opening the doors to a limitless world of knowledge. With technology, students have access to answers beyond what’s in their textbooks and they can have access to electronic books, digital portfolios, learning guides and real-time feedback on both teacher or student performance.

But why is technology so critical to improving the education process?
Technology Gives Instant Access to Knowledge - Using technology in the classroom gives teachers the chance to provide their students with the guidance to find the right sources and teach them how to assess the quality of the information they find online.

Technology Keeps Students Engaged - Teaching the exact same thing but using a computer or a tablet can encourage a more active participation in the learning process which can be more difficult to achieve through traditional methods. When technology is integrated into lessons, students are found to be more interested in the subjects they are studying. Teachers can also use different apps or trusted online resources to enhance those traditional ways of teaching.

Technology Encourages Individual Learning - Technology personalizes the learning experience and provides greater opportunities for students with varying needs. They can learn at their own speed, go back to lessons and get online instructions to support the learning process.

Technology Improves Knowledge Retention - Students who are interested in things they are studying, are more likely to have a better knowledge retention.

Teamwork - Technology can encourage collaboration with students in the same classroom, at the same school or even with other classrooms around the world. One of the best ways to enhance the communication between students in the classroom is with teamwork projects and collaborative learning. Students can ask questions, discuss different topics, and help each other learn in a safe online environment created by teachers.

Technology Makes Learning More Fun - Teachers believe that technology makes learning more interesting and fun because students love laptops and tablets. Challenging or boring subjects can become more interesting with virtual lessons, through a video, or when using a tablet.

Technology Prepares Students for the Future - Technology is everywhere. High-school, college and university. Students have to know how to use the Internet to complete projects and most importantly, into their future jobs, technology skills will be required. So, it is very important to bring this technology in the classroom and also incorporate it into their educational curriculum. Responsible use of technology also starts in the classroom and it will prepare the students to be responsible digital citizens.

There are multiple reasons why teachers should start introducing tech tools into their classrooms. However, many schools, especially in rural areas, do not have the same opportunities. Nowhere is the 'digital divide' more evident than in K-12 education, particularly in the emerging countries where infrastructure and connectivity are still precious resources. Despite the positive trends towards adopting technology in the classroom, the full menu of technology is still not universally available to all students.

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