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Pros and Cons of Using Technology in Your Classroom

Technology in the classroom is among the most trending issues which makes it easy for the fence sitter. It is not simple to use educational technology 100% all the time since there are so many convincing aspects against it. Many teachers find technology to be a better medium and handy in some situations while some find it as a distraction.

The page provides you instances of kindergarten classroom where students use technology in authentic manner.

Technology provides the ability to learn in ways our grandparents never had. Today children have immediate access to answer every question. Yet, this easy access has changed the mind-set of students about their work and emotions. Hence, there are equal number of pros and cons of technology in classrooms on the future generation.

Let's look at the Pros and Cons of Educational Technologies.

Pros of Technology In The Classroom

Data Reporting: Apps and forums offer teachers effective ways to combine all the information that needs to be collected such as I status, attendance history, proficiency of English language. With the use of technology, teachers can save lot of time and have an appropriate record of every student's performance along with subgroups. Also, the assessment data can be shared with parents and administrators.

Differentiated Instruction: The **Educational Apps** enhance child's progress at their own pace. Most of them are adaptive which shows the questions get easier or difficult based on the student's performance. The programs can meet at their level of learning ability. Also, the multipurpose software and apps can be used by the students and teachers to depending on their interest.

Learning Modalities: Collaborating technology in the classroom indicates that students have access to different means of gaining knowledge. Some students find lecture environment to be appropriate, while the students with different taste prefer to be independent learners and gather information from educational sites. Providing room for different learning styles to explore different techniques make the student think outside the box and develop innovative ideas.

Assistive Technology For Special Requirements:

Apps are designed to make it possible for students with different tastes to excel in academics. From adaptive apps to forums which speak for children who struggle with a particular language. Technology allows children to be interactive and stay involved with their classmates and teachers.

Cons of Technology in The Classroom

Replacing Teachers: Many enthusiasts didn't like when people raise their concerns over educational technology replacing teachers in the future. For instances, different sectors such as agriculture, auto industry and manufacturing industries have mechanized parts that are responsible for laying off the workers in the process. A similar phenomena is expected to be in the future where technologies along with advanced educational apps would be prioritized over well experienced teachers.

Distraction: This is the foremost critical issue for parents and teachers that students would be too busy chatting and tweeting to pay attention to the lecture. Students coupled with tech savvy could lead to trapped into atmosphere where diversion is easily available.

Privacy: The student's privacy and data is good enough to keep many teachers away from implementing any kind of broad reaching initiatives. Forums and platforms have come a long way in enhancing their measures of privacy, but not enough to convince schools that it's worth the potential risk. Why would Students even attend classes when they have everything in their hands in the form of attractive videos and why would they their teachers.

This page could have a lot more to debate on the role of technology in education or do we really need technology in classrooms. Technology is a result of innovative ideas or is it a replacement for classroom sessions. Even if the trend shows positive results, there would be a few contradicting statements from personalities that had a moral vision for the education scenario of the future students. Would the classrooms be transformed by labs and Presentations, conference halls or the teachers being replaced by video mentors, online trainers or audio sessions.

There are still more discussions to be done on the respective issues, but it's all about prioritising based on the student's taste and future prospective. Its won't be fair to expect students to have a same mind-set as our grandparents had, since their atmosphere were completely different from the present time. Today a child prefers to listen to a music to prepare himself to study a history topic or memorizing a theory in the form of a song or relate it to personal theory.

A few changes need to be accepted along with time that the style of understanding and notion of interpretation varies widely in present time generation. Moreover, education holds moral values along with technical aspects which cannot be modified no matter how advanced is the individual's mind-set, but the mind-set needs to be replenished according to the present situation, as **Pythagoras Theorem** will have same formula to find the area of a triangle, whether you name the sides of a triangle as ABC, or XYZ.

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