

PROS AND CONS IN THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

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It was several years ago when the term Information and Communication Technology (ICT) materialized and came into being and opened the eyes of students to the meaning of this in education. Simplified<The term ICT means any technology that has to do with information and communication. With the support of the Department of Science and Technology and the Industrial Research as part -wide reform process to bring Philnet project Foundation a system Foundation, the (now PHNET) was born.

The Department of Education (DepEd) launched the National Strategic Planning Initiative for ICTs in Basic Education in February 2005 as part of a system wide reform process to bring Philippine Basic Education out of crisis. ICT has helped in education system in the Philippines. With the aim to help teachers to customize learning for students, several trainings were accorded to them. It enables them to improve their instruction methods and personalize learning, thus increasing their productivity and efficiency as instructors. Through these helpful tools, ICT helps teachers to interact with students in teaching with the help of technology. It helps them in preparation for their teaching, provide feedback on students' achievement. It also helps in effective use of ICT software and hardware for teaching-learning process. ICT improves engagement and knowledge retention. When ICT is integrated into lessons, students become more engaged in their work.

Technology has transformed life as we know it, and the classroom looks much different than it did even more than 10–years ago. Traditional chalkboards have been replaced with digital whiteboards, and classrooms have a surplus of iPads. The use of

technology in the classroom can excite young students. Although there are also times that the use of technology can distract learners but it is certain that students are being prepared for the future, however; this removes children from opportunities for socialization. Though we generally see good things as a sign of progress, there are definite disadvantages of technology in the classroom. From distraction to reducing face time, EdTech isn't a magic bullet for every situation. With some awareness, however, most disadvantages can be overcome, like some of the surprisingly old-school thinking that helps with tech disparity. But, while EdTech tools can make lessons more engaging. Though we generally see good things as a sign of progress, there are definite disadvantages of technology in the classroom. From distraction to reducing face time, with some awareness, however, most disadvantages can be overcome, like some of the surprisingly old-school thinking that helps with technology disparity.

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