

## BLENDING LEARNING

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Education is one of the most important treasures that every individual should have. Education is a continuous process. Education is a periodic stage of development (John Dewey). But how it should be attained and developed if the Covid - 19 Pandemic happened. It is very impossible for the teachers to continue providing quality and formal education for their young students by means of face-to-face classes because it was temporarily stopped. Because of the unexpected situation, the Department of Education implemented blended learning.

What is blended learning?

Blended learning should motivate learners by means of using different pedagogies, methods technologies, and training that will fulfill their needs with the help, support, and guidance of their learning facilitators and teachers. Blended learning also motivates educators to research, explore, discover, develop and create different methods, techniques, and styles that should be used in encouraging learners to have a focus on learning different maximum competencies that should acquire, develop and apply for their daily living especially nowadays.

It shares and provides information, knowledge, skills, and values by means of using 2 or more learning modalities that depend upon the needs of a variety of learners especially nowadays because of the pandemic situation due to Corona Virus Disease to ensure good health of the students and their families as well as their teachers and non-teaching personnel but not sacrifice the quality of education that they should acquire.

In blended learning, we need to plan, strategize, know what's available in the community and then continue our learning modality (Fronza, 2021).

Because blended learning is very flexible, schools can choose and decide of what are the different learning modalities that are appropriate to learners. And because of that, learners are able to apply and show what they know, what they can do, and what they can develop. Also, learners have the opportunity to apply what they have acquired like reading (Digno, 2021). It also makes them, 21st Century Students.

It follows the Principles of Teaching and Learning that adapt and adjust to the interest and multi-intelligences of each student and develop them to have self-confidence and self-sufficient (Manuel, 2021).

Blended learning, engage parents to guide, help, monitor, ensure and assess the study of their children and they serve as learner's facilitator at home. Teachers and parents share responsibilities to accomplish teaching and learning objectives that are already stated on the MELCS in order to attain the fullest development and competencies for every lesson they have to acquire.

Moreover it makes students, parents, and teachers have social connections because of the different modes of communication that are available.

Blended learning gives the individual student access, attend and get his quality education at any time at anywhere he wants (Manuel, 2021). It is also more beneficial to students with regards to time and effort because they have more time to do their tasks, their activities, and projects. And in doing so, they also have time to relax and enjoy while learning.

In addition, blended learning encourages independent learning but a democratic or discovery approach (Digno, 2021). Also, it provides the student an excellent study

habits and a better understanding of the lessons. And engaged more students to attend, participate and learn.

By means of blended learning, individual students provide an everlasting guide of what profession he/she wants to take according to his/her abilities that makes him/her responsible and productive citizen of our country and have strong determination whenever a problem arises. It also discovers his/her conditions, skills, talents, and abilities to survive. Blended learning is the application of different learning modalities (Ferrer, 2021).

BL especially using online, makes the students access all learning materials that they need for a particular subject that is limited in face-to-face classes. It also develops students to become more creative, critical, and innovative when it comes to different technologies. It also develops “Happy, smart, well-rounded students” (Manuel, 2021).

It provides a classroom very-very active, colorful, engaging activities and challenges and also, develops values and authentic learning (Davis 2021).

Blended learning used for teaching and learning has both directly impacted and substantially enhance students' learning experiences. It is usually viewed as a combination of face-to-face and online delivery methods that can influence students' perceptions of the learning environment and subsequently, their study experiences, learning outcomes, and ultimately academic achievement.

Blended learning, helps and develops learning and teaching practices and approaches that will enhance students' learning experiences. A successful blended-learning teaching method for built environment programs (Poon, Joanna 2013).

Truly, blended learning, develop 21st Century Students and Teachers. And makes them digital learners and teachers and agents of changes to the New Normal World.

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