

MODERN STUDENTS: HYFLEX LEARNERS

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After the lockdowns due to covid-19, the face-to-face classes are back once again. Learners are now enjoying the benefits of physical classes, but the question is does the traditional way still applicable for our modern learners?

During the lock down not just, educators made a major adjustment also the students as well. They were exposed too much to their personal gadgets such as phones, tablets, and computers. They get to learn new applications and use different learning management systems such as moodle, Xepto education and google applications. On the other hand, students who are not capable of having their own gadgets get to know their lesson through printed modules and do a self-study for them to learn the competencies based on the grade level.

In this change of learning style, as an educator, we must think of a way to help them learn utilizing these technological advancements and innovations in education.

Teachers must focus on the experiential learning. Based on the Kolb's Learning cycle there are four ways to engage students in experiential learning. First is the concrete experience, in this stage students get to experience firsthand classroom activities or lesson. Example in English they can get to create reflections based on the movies that they watch or stories that they read with their classmates. Wherein there can be collaborative learning and the students will get to know their classmates as well. The same goes to other subjects where they learn based on actual experience. Second cycle is the reflective observation, in this stage the students get to know the lesson from other perspectives. They can use the experiences of their classmates or friends to learn something new. Third

is the abstract conceptualization is the stage where the learners will apply their learning experiences, connect ideas, link to existing knowledge, and develop understanding. Fourth is the active experimentation wherein learners will formulate hypothesis based on their knowledge, plan action and test it. After doing the four stages the cycle will repeat from the start.

In this fast-changing world and the exposure on modern technology, educators should focus on experiential learning. With all the information that is just one tap away, teachers must formulate approaches to lead the students in learning through experience. The modern students, who are Hyflex learners are smarter and even more active, teachers should take advantage of these traits. Lastly active learning promotes greater retention, it is also continuous and iterative. Proper integration of experiential learning considering the students' learning styles may promote a more personal and meaningful learning experience for our Hyflex learners.

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