

THE HYFLEX APPROACH

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Face to face classes is finally coming back after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. The nation is still facing different challenge including the teachers in the education sector. During the lockdown and the face-to-face restrictions, educators are bombarded with different trainings to address this.

Due to the fast change in technology, teachers must come up with a new strategy to teach the learners and help them achieve the competencies which can help them in their daily life. It must start with their lesson plan, assessment, and continuous communication to monitor the learning status of each student. During the distance learning, educators adopted the “Hybrid Learning” set up which is defined as an educational model where some students attend class in-person, while other join the class virtually from home. Educators teach remotely and physically the students at the same time conferencing the lesson.

Hybrid learning, also commonly called as blended learning, is an approach to education that combines online and traditional face-to-face classroom methods. The teaching and learning process does not only happen virtually but also requires physical appearance of both parties (teacher and student) while giving the learner some control and get the job done at their own pace.

Hybrid learning is a good approach only for students who can afford gadgets and good internet connection. Unfortunately, this is still a problem in the present time that is why a new approach is needed to fill the gap in learning.

On the other hand, according to Educause 2020 Hybrid flexible or HyFlex is an instructional approach that combines face-to-face and online learning. The difference is that in each class session and learning activity is offered in-person, synchronously online, and asynchronously online. The Hyflex approach provides students autonomy, flexibility, and seamless engagement, no matter where, how, or when they engage in course. This approach gives learners equal opportunity to achieve a specific learning competency.

In the new normal education, teachers should reconceptualize new learning experience for learners, engaging strategies, utilize new technologies properly and have consistent connection with the students. Learning is an unending process so as the usage of new approaches for the modern learners. The Hyflex teaching is the new normal and educators should be called Hyflex teachers.

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