

THE PERFECT BALANCE

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Television, projectors, laptops, internet, social media, learning management systems and many more – these are just examples of common technologies integrated in the teaching-learning process.

Gone are the days when teaching was merely facilitated by using chalk, board and the persevering voice of the teachers. It became “high-tech” as seasoned teachers would claim.

The changes were inevitable as the world evolved – as well as the needs and interests of the learners. Teachers utilizing social media and other facets of the internet to deliver lesson to the students is not a rare sight nowadays.

Even the smallest practices have shifted – seeing students bring out their mobile phones, ready to snap a photo, whenever their teachers ask them to copy for their notes are acceptable today.

However, when it comes to teaching, there are still a lot of arguments concerning the best teaching approach. Traditionalists would claim that the chalk is still the best teaching tool, while the contemporary teachers will stress out that integration of technology is the most preferred by the learners.

Chalk vs. Projectors

Notebook vs. electronic Pads

Manila Paper vs. PowerPoint

Some may claim that the advancements of technology will be the best, however, teachers must always bear in mind that that is not always the case. It will still be a case to case basis and it will always depend upon the learners.

The usage of technology will always be sparkling in the eyes, however, imagine Mathematics and Physics teachers teaching their relevant concepts without even using board for solving problems. Or teachers who would simply stick with the words popping out of the presentation without even soliciting actual responses from the students.

It would be one-sided, pretty much teacher-centered – which is not the goal of instruction.

Teachers are still demanded to find the perfect balance. One that would utilize both technology and traditional teaching in producing the best type of instruction for the learners.

At the end of the day, it doesn't matter whether the teacher flaunted 21st century gadgets or whatnot, it will still focus on students' learning.

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