

POPULAR EDUCATIONAL TRENDS FOR JHS LEARNERS

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The education in the Philippines is consistently changing with technological advancement and policy revisions. This entails a great but unique challenge with teachers: to stay updated. This means that teachers should be adaptable to continued reforms in education.

This means that teachers should be informed of the trends in education technology. This includes trends such as collaborative learning, social media in learning, interactivity in classroom, data management and analytics, immersive learning, gamification in education, online data and cybersecurity, and personalized learning.

Collaborative learning in educational technology have made it easier for everyone to stay connected. This entails that learners and teachers have multiple options in the field of education. Groups connect, discuss, and enact upon learning situations. Learners build their collaborative skills when they team up together to solve a problem or work on a project.

Corollary, integrating technology into the classrooms created spaces that are lively and interactive. For example, eBooks content can be embedded with videos, audio files, and augmented reality. eBook allows for more interactive experiences to take place in classrooms. As such, the flipped classroom model has made it possible for learners to do all the learning at home and all the practical work at schools. Interactivity in classrooms also means having activities and discussions in classrooms; thus, creating an interactive space where learners are completely participating in the teaching learning process.

Also, gamification in education is one of the emerging trends in classrooms. Gamification, as a tool used in the classroom, increases student engagements. It comes in different forms such as badges, stickers, leaderboard, reward points, etc. Studies show that gamification improves overall learning process and incentivizes learners to study and practice.

Moreover, one of the important trends in contemporary education is giving primacy to cybersecurity and online data. The need for data security is at an all-time high nowadays. Learners and schools prefer cloud storage because it is an environment where access to data is easy for everyone. This is also a response to cyberthreats which have been a cause of worry for many people, organizations, and bodies. It should be noted that student information like email address, name, date of birth, and phone numbers should not be compromised. In connection with cybercrimes, cyberbullying must also be addressed. It is also important that reports and cases of Filipino learners who are being bullied electronically or digitally must be solved. Cyberbullying is a serious case and could lead to dangerous outcomes.

In the Philippine educational landscape, these are just some of the trends that Filipino educators can apply. Collaborative learning can be applied in various educational contexts, with adequate consideration on learners' individual differences and learning styles. Collaborative learning can facilitate students in understanding complex concepts through the aid of their peers and colleagues. Integrating technology and gamification, on the other hand, is an emerging tool that policymakers should consider. Notable educators have witnessed the unprecedented rise of

technology in the last years, and it is high time that technology is integrated in the implementation of teaching and learning policies.

Indeed, these are popular educational trends not because of the number of educators using such, but because of the impacts these trends have on the learning outcomes. These strategies simply mean that change is constant, and as such, we must continuously grow and improve ourselves. These trends can lead to better teaching and learning techniques when used properly by the teacher.

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