

## TRANSFORMATION OF EDUCATION IN THE DIGITAL AGE

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In the virtual age, the landscape of education is undergoing a profound transformation. The integration of digital tools into classrooms has reshaped pedagogical practices, providing students with unparalleled access to information and resources. Digital tools have streamlined the teaching process, offering educators a modern way to engage with students and enhance their learning experiences.

Digitalization in education has ushered in a new era of learning, allowing for personalized learning experiences, greater interactivity, and access to a vast repository of educational materials. The use of digital tools, such as interactive apps, online libraries, and virtual classrooms, has the potential to make learning more engaging and effective (Timotheou et al., 2022; UNESCO, 2023). However, this technological revolution also brings forth a set of challenges that cannot be overlooked.

One significant challenge is the prevalence of screens and digital devices in education, raising concerns about screen time and its impact on physical and mental health. Prolonged screen exposure is associated with eye strain, disrupted sleep patterns, and increased sedentary behavior, all of which can have adverse effects on mental well-being. Therefore, the integration of digital tools into education necessitates thoughtful consideration of screen time management and the development of strategies to mitigate its negative impacts.

Additionally, the fast-paced nature of the digital world can create an environment of constant connectivity and information overload, leading to heightened stress levels among students. The pressure of keeping up with assignments, online discussions, and

the demands of an ever-evolving curriculum can take a toll on mental health. Thus, a comprehensive mental health policy should address the need for stress management and digital detox strategies to help students navigate this digital landscape without succumbing to overwhelming pressures.

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