

CURRENT TECHNIQUES FOR TEACHERS

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Abstract

The traditional “chalk and talk” method of teaching that’s persisted for hundreds of years is now acquiring inferior results when compared with the more modern and revolutionary teaching methods that are available for use in schools today. Greater student interaction is encouraged, the boundaries of authority are being broken down, and a focus on enjoyment over grades is emphasized. As teachers, it’s necessary to be able to teach and remain engaging. It puts a greater level of responsibility on creating lesson plans that truly work. Here are three teaching methods that are making an impact. Teachers have reported amazing results when it came to spaced learning. Spaced Learning is a learning method in which the condensed learning content is repeated three times, with two 10-minute breaks during which activities such as physical activities are performed by the students – I think, that PE and lessons can be combined. Spaced learning involves encouraging students to quickly switch through activities. For example, providing ten minutes of knowledge on the nervous system with a PowerPoint presentation and then having 15 minutes of basketball would be the way to get the better grades.

The results don’t lie and the creators of the system at Monkseaton High School in Tyne and Wear have reported that it does work. They claim that it’s more effective than simply teaching students by utilizing traditional methods for four hours. The key is in the brain cells. It helps them to create the connections that they need to actually remember the knowledge. Furthermore, it has the additional benefit of allowing people to relax. If they are compressing sections of the syllabus into such small sections then there’s no time to worry. It’s all about the learning before moving on to another session of activity. Sometimes conventional lesson blocks just don’t work as every student is different and they all have their problematic subjects. The concept of Flexible Fridays is that an in-depth session of a subject can be acquired by simply having a whole day of mathematics or some other subject. At Flexible Fridays lessons a teacher try to help each student to study and learn what is the most difficult for him/her personally. Somebody repeats, somebody learns. It makes it more convenient for students as now they can focus on one thing while in school. It means that students don’t have a breaking point by spending hours struggling with a subject along at home. Flexible Friday lessons are more in-touch with students and gives focused study time that can help students grasps difficult concepts. Teachers are also able to aid students by simply having fast-track weeks. Having a whole week of mathematics or English can help students to get through the subjects in a shorter amount of time. It’s good news for teachers and students alike because even though a lesson lasts an hour it could actually lose up to 25 percent of its designated time. There’s the preparing for class and packing away to take into account, and students are not

always the quickest at performing these tasks. Teacher should choose what method is more appropriate for his/her students: spaced learning or Flexible Fridays.

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Introduction

Under a new teaching method called “engagement” students are urged to engage with the real world, analyze everything that happens in different life spheres (not only internship but also economical, business, social spheres, etc.). Business studies are where this new focus of engagement occurred at the Leas owes Community College in Dudley. Instead of conventional teaching methods, students were taken to visit local businesses where they were able to witness how the knowledge that they were learning applied to the real world. Multiple days were set aside for this practice and all students were required to wear business suits in order to attend. The idea is to get students engaged and to connect their learning to the real world. If teachers can show them how what they are teaching connects to the real world then their own brain cells are going to connect them and associate them. The results are there for all to see because before this new method was introduced only 40 percent of students achieved grades of A-C across both years 10 and 11. Under the new teaching method the institution reported that the numbers had shot up to a massive 91 percent of students achieving A-Cs in years 10 and year 11. New methods of teaching have the purpose to improve the quality of education and involve students in educational process. Innovations mean a progress and development. Here at Getting Smart, we’re enthusiastic about the future of learning. We believe in sharing innovative ways to improve the teaching of students and leading of schools and districts in order to inspire anyone seeking to better their work. However, we also recognize that many (if not most) educators are just beginning to grapple with how to adapt their practice to the shifting needs of the future. For those just getting started in the world of education innovation and improvement, we’ve created this overview of what we feel are five of the most important new teaching methods making a positive impact on students’ learning in the modern Personalized learning isn’t terribly complicated in theory—at it’s core, it’s the idea that the “average” student (whom educators have traditionally designed curriculum for) doesn’t actually exist. Any given student will be somewhere near “average,” but the description can never give an individual student everything they may need. Personalized learning is a practice in which educators seek to tailor challenge, lessons and instructional style to each student’s needs Where it gets complicated is in the implementation. EdTech enables some wonderful new ways to monitor where students are at (we recently highlighted one teacher’s journey), but Ed Tech and effort alone aren’t enough. You need ways to measure success (both of the tools used and overall strategy—see our recent series on pilot design for personalized learning), and the end results will take a number of shapes (see 15 Dimensions of Personalized Learning and 8 Things to Look for in a Student-Centered Learning Environment) However, personalizing learning is a worthy challenge. Networks like Silicon Schools see great success through rigorous and well-managed approaches to personalized learning.

Project-Based Education (PbE)

The Gig Economy has arrived, and education as a whole has been slow to catch up. Today's students are in for a quickly-changing future that will require uniquely human skills, adaptability, a knack for asking the right questions and the ability to manage both people. The common concerns related to PBL center around an assumption that a lack of focus on standard subject matter must be inherent in PBL, and that it won't prepare students for college and career. However, these concerns are largely unfounded. Teachers have a unique role in PBL, in that in many ways they become collaborators and coaches rather than instructors as they help their students navigate their challenging projects. If you're interested in learning more, we put together a guide that can help you get started. New Tech Network also provides a great example.

Place-Based Education

What is Place-Based Education, and Why Does it Matter? This was the exact question we found ourselves asking when we first started our campaign on the subject over a year and a half ago. We all know that it's valuable to take time out of the classroom. We at Getting Smart also advocate for the value of beautiful shared spaces. Place-Based Ed takes this all a step further, with a focus on integrating schools and communities by leveraging the "power of place" in order to equip—through authentic learning experiences—students with the tools and skills they need to collaborate, think critically and solve complex challenges. Place-Based Ed boosts student engagement, connects students to their communities in an age fraught with feelings of disconnectedness, and improves learning. We put together a Quick-Start Guide to Place-Based Education to help educators dip their toes in the place-based waters.

Influential Appraisal

Formative Assessment is perhaps the lightest lift of this list for a teacher to begin incorporating into their practice. Formative assessment differs fundamentally from traditional summative assessment in that it is designed to provide the information necessary to make minor "course corrections" along the way, rather than judge whether or not a student "reached their goal" at the end of a unit. It can be significantly less stressful (both for teachers and students) than summative assessment, and it is an important part of personalized learning and learning. If you're interested in formative assessment, stay tuned for October 19—we've been working with the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation and a few other partners to set up a great web-based resource.

Creator Instruction

Maker education exists at the intersection of STEM, creative projects and a “get **** done” attitude, and it’s all about giving your students a chance to engage their creative sides while having something cool (and often, though not always, tech-related) to show for it. Many teachers find they really enjoy incorporating some “making” time into their weekly schedules, and there are limitless unique options to applying Maker Ed to the various subject areas. If you’re looking for helpful resources, check out our list of three steps to get started, 10 things you wouldn’t think you’ll need and a list of 40 STEM networks and maker resources. If you want a fun first step after building a space, consider holding a contest. There are a million new and effective modern things teachers can try in their classrooms. These are just a few, but we think they’re a great way to get going. And if you are just getting started on the journey of innovative education practices, we’d love to be by your side—if you’d like a weekly dose of education news along with the best of Getting Smart, consider signing up for newsletter. The biggest challenge for any teacher is capturing each student’s attention, and conveying ideas effectively enough to create a lasting impression. As a teacher, to tackle this challenge effectively, you should implement innovative ideas that make the classroom experience much more lovable for your students. So here are **16** innovative ideas that will help you reinvent your teaching methods and make your classes more interesting.

1. Inventive Schooling

Take the help of tools to stimulate creativity. Include playful games or forms of visual exercises that will excite young minds and capture their interest. This is a time-tested method to identify every young student’s creative abilities and encourage creative contributions. Bring aspects of creativity into all your subjects, be it mathematics, science, or history. Think of ways to develop their creative ideas.

2. Acoustic & Tape Apparatus

Incorporate audio-visual materials to supplement textbooks during your sessions. These can be models, filmstrips, movies, pictures, info graphics or other mind mapping and brain mapping tools. Such tools will help their imagination thrive and grow. These methods will not only develop their ability to listen but will also help them understand the concepts better. For example, you can get some oral history materials, conduct live online discussions or playback recordings of public lectures. If you are tech-savvy, there are also a number of smart apps for preschoolers that you can utilize to create awesome slideshows or presentations.

3. “Real-World” knowledge

Infusing real-world experiences into your instructions will make teaching moments fresh, and enrich classroom learning. Relating and demonstrating through real-life situations will make the material easy to understand and easy to learn. It will spark their interest and get the children excited and involved.

4. Brainstorm

Make time for brainstorming sessions in your classrooms. These sessions are a great way to get the creative juices flowing. When you have multiple brains focusing on one single idea, you are sure to get numerous ideas and will also involve everyone into the discussion. These sessions will be a great platform for students to voice their thoughts without having to worry about right or wrong. Set some ground rules before you start. You can go for simple brainstorming or group brainstorming or paired brainstorming

5. Outer the Classroom

Some lessons are best learnt, when they are taught outside of the classroom. Organize field trips that are relevant to the lessons or just simply take students for a walk outside of the classroom. Students will find this fresh and exciting. Without taking much effort, they will learn and remember what you teach them.

6. Job Cooperate

Teaching through role-playing is a great way to make children step out of their comfort zone and develop their interpersonal skills. This method comes in handy, especially when you are teaching literature, history or current events. The role playing approach will help a student understand how the academic material will be relevant to his everyday tasks. Role playing is most effective for students of almost any age group. You just need to customize depending on the age group. You can even use this method for teaching preschoolers. Just make sure you keep it simple enough to capture their limited attention span

7. Storyboard Instruction

Rudyard Kipling rightly said, “If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten.” Storyboarding is a great way to teach any subject which requires step-by-step memorization or visualization highly-conceptual ideas. History teachers can use a storyboard to recreate a famous event. Such visually stimulating activity will ensure that even complex ideas are easily put across to students. You can also encourage the use of storyboards as a form of communication and let the students tell a story in pictures using their imagination

8. Motivating Classroom Setting

A classroom environment that is well-decorated, fun, and engaging will help stimulate a student's mind and will help think and learn better. Such a creative and stimulating environment will help them explore and will encourage them to learn about the subject.

Children, especially young ones cannot be expected to sit all day and learn. An environment that positively impacts the children is beneficial for you as well. Schools associated with Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) will vouch for the fact that the learning environment has a prime role in learning and development

9. Welcome New Ideas

An open-minded attitude can help you in innovating new teaching methods. Though you might claim to be open-minded, its human nature to resist change.

10. Assume About a New Fad

Sometimes, a hectic workload may affect your engagement in teaching.

If it happens to you, it's natural. You can take a break for a couple of hours and engage in some other activity that you're interested in. This will rejuvenate you and you can return to your work with more passion and interest.

11. Work Together As a Team

As everyone knows, the end result of the collaborative effort is always immense. Think about spending some quality time with your colleagues. Ask them to share their views on improving teaching methods, you can see many of them come up with interesting strategies.

12. Puzzles and Games

Learning is fun when puzzles and games are part of education. Children may not require taking conscious effort when their lessons are introduced through games. Puzzles and games help children to think creatively and face challenges.

13. Start School Clubs Or Groups

Being a teacher you may not get enough time to work on interesting topics that you are passionate about. You can share your views and learn more from others when you have school clubs or groups.

14. Refer to Books On Creativity

To be a creative teacher, you need to do some research on creative ideas and techniques. There is a lot of creativity. Choose some of the best works and start learning, it will be helpful for your professional development as well.

15. Love What You Do

You Can Give Your Best Only If You Truly Love What You Do. When You Are Not Stressed, You Will Be More Creative And Inspired. Loving Your Work Keeps You Relaxed And Gives You Room To Experiment With New Ideas.

16. Introduce Lessons like a Story

You like to watch movies because there is always an interesting story to keep you engaged.

Like that, Learning sessions become more interesting when you introduce it as a story. If you are creative, even stories. With even the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA) emphasizing on schools to take measures for improving the quality of teaching and learning, these innovative ideas are sure to make teaching methods more

Conclusion

Today's Students Have A Quick Changing Future To Demand Individual Skills, Compatibility, Right Questions, And The Ability To Manage Programs And People. Teachers Have A Unique Role, And In Many Ways Their Students Become Collaborators And Trainers Rather Than Trainers, Helping Their Students Pursue Their Challenging Plans.

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