The Real Challenge: Modern Technology in Education

Have you ever wondered if technology in modern education is helping students — or holding them back? When you go to school, you have a chance of using devices to do things, like tests, tasks and homework. But, students may use technology in school for bad things if teachers are not paying attention to what they are doing. They could be searching up inappropriate things or even play games if they are using their own computer that already has a game downloaded on it. In a writing test or even a multiple-choice test people can plagiarize. This means that students can copy someone else's work and call it their work or in an assignment where you can search things up they can also copy and paste information they find on Google. Do you think this is good or bad? On the bright side, students can search up information to use in their own words in a homework or task. It can also make learning more engaging as students get to go on devices which make them want to learn more. Which side are you on? Technology is good for education or technology is bad for education?

The Benefits Of Technology On Education

There are lots of benefits that technology has on education. First, technology has thousands of learning opportunities like online books, tests and even puzzles. These websites help students learn quicker and faster. One time, my friend was struggling with a math question, when I saw him struggling I showed him an app on my computer and the explanation on it was clear and easy to understand and after that he flawlessly completed any type of question that is related to it. According to Salman Khan, founder of Khan Academy, a quote of him saying that technology is good for education is "Now imagine if an AI tutor could 'sit' next to students as they navigate the internet in general. Imagine if it were a browser plug-in. It might also Socratically help a student engage with what they are reading or even provide context that the student needs to better understand the content." As long as students stay focused on devices there are no big issues about devices and overall devices are good if they follow the rules.

The Problems And Risks That Technology Have On Education

Although there are a lot of benefits that technology has on education. It also has a lot of downsides and some of them are not good at all and can get you in trouble. Students can get distracted from games, social media and also entertainment sites. Copying work from websites, which is called plagiarism and it can get you into big trouble if you get caught. A research from Australian Education Research Organisation (AKA. AERO) found that "Too much screen time can reduce a student's attention span making them less focused and motivated. I personally experienced this in school too. One day, we were basically using our devices the whole day then at the end of the day we had to research something to write it

down for History. At that point, I was so tired I only wrote one dot point in 5 minutes. Technology can also be harmful at the same time which not only targets you but everyone else. It can also make you very tired and can also get you in trouble. Technology can be good and bad at the same time.

Balance The Use Of Technology In Education

There is good and bad between technology and education but try to balance it out. Use technology wisely, not badly. Schools can use tools like Hāpara to track what students are doing so that the teachers can stop them. Teachers can also mix traditional and modern technology together in a class. Education expert Sir Ken Robinson once said, "Technology is a tool. It's not good or bad by itself — it's how we use it that matters." which is very true as we can use technology to search things up and not do bad things. While other people used to do inappropriate things. Which matches what Sir Ken Robinson said about. One example is that: One time, my friend for some reason used hacks in Blooket and got another person in trouble. By setting his money counter to like I don't know 10 quadrillion maybe, and the teacher thought the other person was hacking and he was banned from technology for 1 week I think. So this explains that technology can be very bad like that example or very good just balance it out. Don't do very bad things instead do very good things with it.

Conclusion

To conclude, technology can be a powerful learning tool but also a potential learning threat to students. While technologies offer learning opportunities, eBooks and expert guides to students, it can also lead to bad outcomes. They use technology in a bad way, distraction, looking at things students shouldn't be looking at and plagiarism. To avoid using technologies in a bad way try to balance what you do on technology. Use your devices wisely, follow the rules of the classroom and combine it with traditional learning so students don't forget traditional learning methods. Good tools for teachers to use to watch students can be Hāpara, this can help students make better learning choices. As Sir Ken Robinson said "Technology is a tool. It's not good or bad by itself — it's how we use it that matters." By avoiding plagiarism, distraction or anything that can disrupt students, students can learn better and use technology in a good way without having to risk anything online.

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