ADVANTAGES OF USING RADIO IN TEACHING AND LEARNING IN THE NEW NORMAL

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Through the years, radio had been used as far as education is concerned. Educators used in school broadcasting, informal announcements, or playing music during the school programs. In the traditional way of teaching, radio was not the focus or medium of instruction especially since students were attending the school in a face-to-face manner.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the education of the world. It affects more than 90% of the student population. Many countries including the Philippines turned to online learning to ensure that learning must continue. However, around 706 million students lack internet access and 56 million people around the world live in the place were not covered by mobile networks.

One alternative solution that was chosen in the context where online learning is not possible is the use of radio. Are there any advantages of using radio as a medium of instruction?

Here is the “AEIOU advantage”:

1. Accessibility. It is often used anywhere with or without electricity. There are radios powered by batteries or solar panels.

2. Ear connection. Most people find connection when they hear something familiar rather than what they saw on camera.

3. Inclusivity. Radio-based instruction is easy enough to access by all students regardless of their age or status.
4. Oral skills. Radio is about speaking and listening. When you hear something, you get the idea of correct pronunciation and diction of the word.

5. Uplifting the Instruction. Radio helps the school and teachers to supplement learning and to give different strategies for diverse learners.

As the educator sector faces different challenges during pandemics, they do not forget to find alternative solutions to the problems. As radio is not the greatest solution to the problem, it is definitely a game-changer option.

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