CHALLENGES FACED BY TEACHERS IN AN ONLINE TEACHING

by:
Margie P. Diwa
Teacher III, San Ramon Elementary School

With many benefits that can be derived from online learning, still there are some challenges faced by teachers in the teaching-learning process.

First and foremost of the challenges is the Adjustment to a New Learning Platform. As students are adjusting towards online learning from traditional classrooms, the teachers on the other hand, find it difficult to adjust to a new learning platform. Teachers noticed that teaching online does not so much influence and engage students for longer periods of time. Distractions come easily and they lose concentration during live classes.

Another challenge is the Time Commitment Teachers should be given more time to plan the content and approaches to deliver to the students. Teachers lack time to deliver effectively the content in time. It takes more time teaching online than teaching face to face.

Next challenge is Communication. Some students avoid communication during the session with teachers during online learning. Without communication, might affect the students’ performance. Students sometimes might ask for an extension for their work or give any excuse for the delay.

Giving Assessment is another challenge that can be encountered by an online teacher. The most important part of teaching-learning process is measuring the performance and achievement of the students, as well as teachers. At times, it causes stress to students. So whenever there are assignments or projects, teachers might receive a lot of questions from the students.
Next is the Feedback. Everyone in the class wants to know how he/she fares in class. Students need feedback for their performance. As students are not given proper feedback, will lead to poor performance, some teachers find it hard to employ proper methods of providing feedback to all the students.

Next challenges to an online teacher is his/her Teaching Methods. Most of the teachers follow typical classroom-style teaching methods, as they use to teach with only blackboard and books. It becomes difficult for them to adopt new teaching methods that are completely virtual and technology-driven.

Technical Issues is another challenge faced by an online teacher. Many teachers struggle with technical issues that are unavoidable and cause stress. They become helpless if something technical errors come in the middle of the live session or communicating with students.

And finally, the teacher’s big worries is about the Course Content. The course content was designed earlier with respect to traditional classrooms. But with the shift to online learning, it requires redesigning of course which can take a considerable amount of time and energy.

References: