DIGITAL DEVICES PERMITTED, CONSEQUENCES PROMPTED

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As the days gone by, people swiftly made the world out of its civilization. Many invented machines that will give ease and comfort among us human beings. Digital devices easily spread in the city and even in the province. The old activities and lifestyle of the people have suddenly changing due to the shift in wants. The dawn of the new technologies like mobile phone, computer, netbook, internet connection, and tablet marks the era of what we called “digital native.” Digital natives are individuals who are born during the widespread of digital devices and continuously using them as part of daily life activities. This situation allows several consequences especially to the students of today’s generation.

One of its consequences is the improper manipulation. Students are free to browse using their cellular phones anytime and anywhere as long as there is an internet connection. As a result learners are able to visit different porn sites that will develop sexual fantasy. Out of curiosity students become aggressive on sexual activity and they want it badly that is why they engage on premarital sex resulting to early pregnancy.

There are also harmful effects of using digital devices among students and people. The long term exposure on the devices creates different diseases due to the radiation that devices have.

Cyber bullying is another result of permitting students to use digital devices whether at school or at home. Some students are victim of this activity. Remember videos of some students who are fighting on the street which are freely moving on the different social networking sites.
and their names are dragged as bad examples. There are also instances that student’s photo is posted on Facebook and then his face is changed as if he is an evil person and negative caption is also present. As a result, student is being bullied inside the campus. Many are laughing on him. Another typical example when a female student thinks that her boyfriend has another girl, she will find way to embarrass that person. Of course, she will act and that act is to upload picture of that girl having a caption as “FLIRT, MALANDI, MAKATI, or MANG-AAGAW NG BF”. These are only some of the examples of cyber bullying because of too much permission given to students in terms using media. Parents are too loose that eventually give problem on their offspring.

Low performance at school is another consequence of allowing digital devices among students. Many become addicted on computer games, busy updating their status on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, and as a result they neglect their studies. They are up to date when it comes to social media activities, but most of the time late on their lessons at school. They even cut classes to go on the nearby computer shop to open their account or play their favorite online games like Clash of Clans (COC) and Defense of the Ancient (DOTA). They even sleep late at night, because they keep on texting their friends or boyfriend/girlfriend. In return, students’ performance at school is becoming poor resulting to getting low grades in all learning areas.

Miscommunication is another consequence of using digital devices resulting to disconnection. A miscommunication between students and their parents and the gap between them are narrowing. Many teenagers think that their parents do not understand them as a person growing up. Parents on the other hand feel that their son/daughter does not follow them and disrespect them in most times. This is because teenagers are being influenced by the social media.
they are facing. They are more focused on browsing the net rather than being with their parents.

In the end, student and parent show disconnection.

Permitting students to use digital devices shows chaos and leaves unsolved problems. Parents should limit their offspring in using such devices. Teachers on the other hand should also limit the time of the students in using digital devices at school. It must be allowed for research purposes.