EMPOWERING 21ST CENTURY LEARNERS

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Calibrating students’ best potentials in acquiring knowledge and skills leads to developing promising future professionals. It is probably the teachers focus of working beyond times to provide all learners with the opportunity of achieving success on their future plans. Teachers find ways to properly prepare the students for their career waiting ahead of them. The realization of leading them to dream big and to be determined to make their dreams come true is a selfless day to day responsibility a teacher could share. Through the teachers’ efforts, the students’ interests, capability, and readiness in digesting desired knowledge and skills are determined. The time and supports being provided by the teachers contribute to assess the students’ learning. Giving the students guided learning process could establish a well-fixed learning.

Teachers’ influence to students’ lives impacted a great effect in performing good skills on their studies. If the students are pushed positively, they are able to strive more for their success. Teacher’s efforts would never go to waste rather it leads to have an exponentially higher opportunity. All aspects of students’ lives are molded through learning experiences provided by teachers and community. The students’ understanding and acceptance of how the worlds work are increasingly shaped through the teaching-learning process valued by educators. Educational opportunity which is always present in teachers’ hearts is perhaps a great gift to share for individual’s economic progress.

Having the goal of empowering today’s generation is being open minded to many ways of equipping our students with desired knowledge. Engaging them with technological advancement sparks their creativity and equips them for future jobs. As we
all know, learners’ readiness and interest must put in consideration in shaping them as responsible future professional of the country. With this, the teachers seek help with other sectors to be properly guided in dealing with varied students with varied background. This endeavor is establishing harmonious relationship with students and so to gain trust and love.

Five Ways to Empower 21st Century Learners

1. Give Your Learners an Opportunity to be Heard Through Forums for Feedback

Feedback is important at all cost, but positive comments and suggestions work best for student’s aspiration to learn more. Setting up a forum to provide constructive and timely feedback is a new way of helping students learn on their way. With this, students are provided a chance to observe how they learn through the help of other students and how teachers be a significant help on their learning. Their feedbacks are actually results of their personal experiences throughout the day of observation of teaching-learning process. This also emphasizes that learning is about partnership and working together.

2. Give Students Decision-Making Power in an Area of Curriculum

Making the learning more engaging compels the idea that learners are important part of teaching and learning process. Providing them a chance to choose a simple book to use for study develops trust and confidence that they are capable to share great ideas in the improvement of the whole class. Giving the students the power to choose builds a sense of ownership of learning and guides them to help others.

3. Put Yourself in the Sandbox

Collaborative reinforcement provides good results. This gives a chance for students to share their ideas in getting best solutions for a particular situation. The process of asking feedback and involvement where students provide information and linking the
ideas which they shared together is the way of teaching learners that working together overcomes challenging situations.

4. Encourage Meaningful Technology Use Inside the Classroom

For many years, the use of technology in teaching-learning process has been proven effective and essential as to facilitate learning. Let the students use their gadgets in meaningful activities. Guide them as to use the technology in gathering information and access to learning resources in accomplishing tasks in creative manner. Encourage learners to explore the use of technology in varied activities that promotes self-learning development.

5. Involve Learners in Real Issues

Let learners perform the gained skills that they have learned or lessons that they have come to understand through service learning, debates, leadership activities, volunteerism programs, community service, or by allowing them to give ideas about the current issues. Have your students share common goals with what they have learned, and they will be more motivated to learn further because they will be able to see their importance as part of the community which has an impact to the society.

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