ENGAGING LEARNERS WITH DIVERSE LEARNING STYLES IN AN ONLINE ENVIRONMENT

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Every learner is unique. Each one has his or her diverse style for learning. He /she has his or her own way to collect, organize and analyze information that shall lead them how well they can understand and retain the information they received.

By this time, since the onset of COVID 19 Pandemic, there is a rapid growth of online courses and program learning. While distance learning instantly became popular, the challenges on the diverse learning styles of the learners also became evident. Some teachers neglect that they must scrutinize their lesson to be presented well. Many students are bored doing activities that involve only writing with a specific number of words. This activity is only good for verbal analytical learners. Visual learners often learn best when they have visual aids that will guide and motivate them in the online classroom, as contrary to reading only the text. For Auditory learners, don’t just focus on essays or written projects, instead, replace a written assignment with an auditory or video speech, an online classroom consisting only of text may seem dull or flat for them.; For Kinaesthetic learners, they work best when completing hands on activities, teachers can create videos that show students how to navigate the classroom. Aural learners are learners who prefer using sounds, rhythms, music, recordings to remember things better and to learn new things

Educators should make ways on how all students can meet their’ needs. The differentiated teaching seems challenging to some while others cannot easily catch up with the lesson with this kind of diverse environment of learners. The problem is, many teachers claim that they have no more time.
Teachers must attempt to utilize the Differentiated Instruction. The core of differentiation is a relationship between teachers and students.

As educators adapt to the new normal, it’s important to keep in mind how that whether via online or face-to-face, providing students with thoughtful questions can keep them focused, goal driven, and invested in their learning.

Different learning styles bring many options for both students and teachers. Students will learn from their peers while teachers will improve their portfolios and abilities.

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