EVALUATING STUDENTS' LEARNING IN AN ONLINE CLASS

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Online learning has become a significant way of learning and nowadays it is accepted and considered as a valuable approach in teaching-learning process. Assessment of the students performance in an online class is a significant factor in measuring effective teaching-learning process. Most probably a digital class teacher are asking themselves on how to evaluate or assess students’ learning in an online class. Students assessment is simply the process of gathering information on the outputs of students based on their educational performance.

In measuring student learning a teacher rely on the students summative as formative assessments. He or She is aware that summative tests include tests, quizzes and other graded outputs. On the other hand, formative assessment can be acquired through their inputs, performance outputs, written assignment. This can be acquired through in a daily basis.

In online classes, a good instance of assessment is the performance of a students, thus it is a very significant measurement of students’ achievement. The teacher should prepare to make his or her own authentic assessment activities in an online environment. The students upon knowing that they are directly and indirectly assessed, they will realized that what they do is playing a key role for their performance. The teaching method must always begin with a pretest so that the learners may acquire or adopt a learning mentality.
To facilitate students learning and to establish readiness for their outputs and performance, the teachers may require written homeworks like paragraph writing, short essays or simple research work.

Summing it up to a teacher may use two types of assessment the summative and formative for her online assessment. Online quizzes, qualitative assessment such as essay type questions, solving practical problems, showing the learners know how to link information, online interviews, online dialog simulations and questions into a game form, peer evaluation and review of classmates performance and discussion of a particular topic will contribute to a reliable students assessment.

Overall, the e-teachers role of assessing the online students must be always critical and careful in making assessments of the performance of students.

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