PROS AND CONS OF TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

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Technology refers to a kind of knowledge that deals with the use of technical means and interventions that has a greater impact on the different aspects of human life.

In these changing times, many people use technology in everyday living. Days will not end without using such technology. People are very reliant on technology, especially in educational learning. Students tend to enhance their skills and knowledge on technological aspects to prepare themselves and become globally competitive. These may help learners in many ways but some aspects of it may bring conflicts too.

The following are some advantages of using technology in education.

A. Researching method- Back then, students had a hard time going to the library to borrow different kinds of books to make some researches regarding homework and projects. Reading takes much of their time and effort to find some answers. Through the use of technology, teachers can give questions where students can answer their queries in just a few seconds by scanning on computers with internet connections. Several search engines can browse and lend information about different topics needed by the students.

B. Information Dissemination- Communication utilizing technology is now part of our lives. We can communicate through emails, faxes, texts, and chats. It is very easy to transfer information to their students anytime and anywhere. The internet allows us to spread information immediately.
C. Online Education- The use of technology created more educational opportunities for every student. Now that some schools offer online education, those who cannot undergo formal schooling may enroll through mobile learning and long-distance education. This may help the learners study in their free time.

Moreover, they can interact with their teachers and classmates virtually with the help of the internet. The use of technology is very eminent but it is not perfect as it seems. Some disadvantages need to be considered.

A. Distraction- Sometimes being involved in technological types of machinery such as computers, i-Pads and cellphones can lead to distraction. Students give much of their time browsing the internet and since they are more curious about what is going on around them, they are hooked on these social media and forget to pay attention to their lessons.

B. Lack of Privacy- Privacy can be defined as an individual condition of life characterized by exclusion from publicity (Neeting et al., 1996, p. 36). Privacy must be enjoyed by everyone. Due to the existence of technology, one’s identity can access easily. Students’ data can be hacked and used by others illegally. The security and safety of students should be given primary concern when Ed-Tech programs were used.

C. Unequal Opportunity in Technological Machineries- not all our students can have computers and internet connectivity on their own. Sometimes the educational technology programs can lead to disparity towards students’ access. If the school will apply for such a course, it should give equal chances to all of the students to have access to devices for their learning.
Because of this, students should be aware of the use of technology which plays an important role in education. They should utilize the modernization of the educational system but they should be guided accordingly by the teachers and learn how to cope up and manage with the present condition- the computer age.

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