TEACHING GENERATION Z STUDENTS
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Gen Z is the newest generation born between year 1997 to 2015, babies born from the late 90s through today. They are currently between six to twenty-four years old, according to Kasasa. Gen Z students are said to be tech-savvy, entrepreneurial, and socially aware. Although they are mostly referred as millennial, they are actually Gen Z students who we always interact and deal every day.

To deal with these kinds of students requires effort and understanding to be able to adapt to their colorful life and indescribable behaviors. One must put an increased emphasis on high-touch, personalized approach—even online. Updated researches show that Gen Z students prefer to communicate in person rather than by email or phone. They always want to be recognized as individuals. They prefer communication and collaboration rather than traditional lectures. They are very vocal about racial and gender equity.

The following tips may be helpful to teachers in teaching today’s generation—the Gen Z generation:

1. Consider digital in giving assignments assessments and activities.
2. Try to break content into short segments.
3. Make your information graphical and bite size.
4. You have to be relevant, and respect the time of the Gen Z students.
6. Always use Social Media approaches to learning.

7. You have to acknowledge that Gen Z students see themselves as smart, creative and resourceful.

Gen Z students tend to thrive when they are given opportunity and even enjoy the challenges of being part of the challenge. In fact they learn best by doing than by just listening. Teaching the Gen Z students and dealing with them even requires deep understanding of their nature and their increasing need for growth. Let us all be part of their learning and nurture them the way they should be. Besides, they are our hope, the hope of the future.

Resources:

www.kasasa.com

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