TEACHING METHODOLOGIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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The best education comes from providing not only the greatest knowledge that you can share as a teacher but also a perspective of a big picture such as providing effective strategies or techniques that may help to increase the retention of learning to the students. Through the years, teaching methodologies have improved a lot drifting itself away from the traditional ones. These methods of teaching changed the educational environment around the world that aims to provide the quality education that students need in the modern world and we, as 21st century teachers, should be acquainted with.

Teaching methodologies are diverse pedagogies and general principles that are being used in classroom instructions. It starts with the assessment of students’ capabilities- cognitively and physically and ends with choosing the most productive method that can be implemented to improve and enhance the learners’ potentials. Accompanied with this are various strategies that a teacher may use to achieve a more effective and collaborative classroom activities for students learning.

Originally, teaching methodology is only divided into 2 general categories: the teacher-centered and the student-centered approach in learning. As technology changes
the dynamics of education, two another general approach have been added: the high-tech material use and the low-tech material use. These four categories may be executed individually or simultaneously.

Teacher-centered approach in learning has been the commonly used method in the previous years. But the new curriculum in education seeks more of the creativity, resourcefulness, skills development, and academic capability of the child that made the said method no longer advisable. Today, almost all of the curriculum all over the world already practices the second category which is the student-centered approach in learning. In this method, the teacher only serves as the facilitator of learning and gives the students the opportunity to showcase their skills and excellence academically by their own.

Until technology took place inside the room of learning. The traditional chalk-and-talk and use of chalkboards have been replaced by projectors and smart televisions. Hence, it improved the quality of education all over the world. With the use of the high-tech material use method, the learners were inspired to be more creative and innovative. It also helps the teachers to make every classroom activity more meaningful and exciting.

Regardless of the various teaching methodologies that are being applied in the educational system in each country, it will still be the teachers who will play the vital role
in the four corners of the classroom. There is no technology, tools, or methods that can replace the heart of the education- the teacher.

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