THE 21ST CENTURY MAPEH TEACHERS

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As the years go by, educational trend changes and teachers must adopt to these changes. Education in the 21st century is another occurrence compared to the previous generation. Technology affects different fields of human life, the means of communication, collaboration and the teaching-learning process. Therefore these enhancement demanded modern or improved vocabulary, definitions and topics. In the subject MAPEH, which is the integration of Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health, promotes intellectual function and develop creativity among students.

Twenty-first century students are regarded as digital babies. They learn through collaboration and use digital search engines to make themselves knowledgeable. Purposely, teachers must find ways to stimulate the interests of the students to the lessons and show skills appropriate for the modern students. Based on researches and studies, there are different characteristics that modern teachers must possess. Below are the following characteristics:

1. They utilize learner-centered classrooms and give personalized lessons.

Teachers of the modern century eliminate the way of “spoon-feeding” to the students instead offer personalized lessons which embrace the multiple-intelligence learners. Information can be accessed by the students easily, therefore it is appropriate to give them learning of their own choices. Teachers facilitate learning not to give them what they need to learn.

2. Teachers treat their students as manufacturers of learning.
Students who are regarded as 21st century learners are often referred to as digital citizens because of different digital tools that they are using in their lives. However, these gadgets have limited uses for text and call only because teachers order them to leave those things at home. Teachers choose worksheets over digital objects which can be discarded away once checked. However, if they use gadgets which can create blogs or other reading materials, they can be stored for future references.

3. Teachers must be updated to modern technologies.

Teachers must have a knowledge on different technologies in order for them to offer varieties to the students. Moreover, they will gain the students’ trust once they have experience and expertise in operating different forms of technology.

4. Teachers must be one of the digital citizens

Teachers may employ paperless activities. They can utilize different social media sites to integrate learning. Discussions over digital stimulate students learning.

5. Teachers collaborate with their students.

Through the creation of digital references, students may collaborate with their students. It can be done through power point presentations and other media resources.

6. Teachers use Project-Based Learning

Teachers may encourage the students to create their own inquiries, investigate and make a project out of their research.

7. Teachers are open to innovation.

Teachers must enhance their teaching strategies and techniques by creating innovations that may help the students to grasp learning. Instead of using books they may use web and other multimedia preferences.
Administrators and teachers must work hand in hand for the betterment of the students. Teachers who possess the characteristics above may lead the students to an excellent level of learning. These characteristics may produce learners who can compete globally.

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