THE 21ST CENTURY TEACHER

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Today teachers are now in the rapid pace of change, getting updated in technology that can be adapted in classroom teaching on how to help students learn better and faster and may help the teachers to become more effective in teaching the students through the use of technology in the classroom to have a nice balance of educational tools in their classrooms. It is believed that an effective and efficient teacher knows what the best teaching styles and teaching tools to be adapted on the transformation of the 21st century learners without considering having a class of set of tablets in every child’s hand.

On these changes a 21st century teacher must possess qualities that could adapt in the learning abilities of the students:

With such an effective 21st century teacher must be able to collaborate and work well with the learners because it is believed that learning is becoming more effective when sharing ideas and knowledge with each other. Self-reflecting is an important part of learning and teaching process as it will be achieved when sharing one’s expertise and experience. Communicating and learning from others. Learning took effect when one is able to relate his or her own experience in real-life situation.

A 21st century teacher must be adaptive, She may be able to adapt to whatever comes their way. As we all know that teaching is just right here and there and has still remained from the past years up to the present. Teaching tools may change in years, chalkboards are being replaced with the active boards, electronic encyclopedias have replaced printed reading materials but still teaching and learning is still in. What is important is that teacher must be able to adjust the teaching styles to the different modes
of learning. A teacher must know how to adapt varied strategies to the curriculum requirements and must be imaginative on how to teach in creative ways. He or she must know what techniques must apply if the learner fails and how to attend to the needs of the advance students.

A 21st century must be a lifelong learner. They must always be up to date and be ahead of the students always. Even though they are using the same skills in the content it is assured it must be changed to address the present needs and be updated in the current situation. It is not just embracing the new technology needed, but a teacher must be willing to learn what more about on what should be learned.

21st Century learning means teaching what you are doing in the past but with a better tools. At present, today’s teacher are more fortunate than teachers in the past years, because they have modern means of teaching aids and they still have also the opportunity to abreast the student on the learning of what the students wanted to learn. It is also an opportunity for them to help students acquire knowledge in a way the students wished to. It is now the time for the teachers to move out from being the dispenser of information, to someone who can guide them and prepare them for their future. It is now the time that a teacher may serve as a facilitator and guide of the 21st Century learner.

Maybe it may took a hard time to embrace the new trend of 21st Century teaching. The advocacies the Department of Education advocating the teachers and trying to help to abreast teachers in the present teaching trend and application of the new modern technology, every teacher will embrace the change and believes that there will always a room for a change. A change for a better learner for their better future

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