USING TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

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The use of technology, the web particular has become an important skill for both students and teachers to master. The internet has a vast amount of information and infinitely many uses, but it takes practice to learn to effectively navigate its resources.

Technology in the classroom nowadays is merely a tool for learning just like an educational assistant, a dictionary or even a desk. Through exploration, students should be offered opportunity to explore computer software. Some students are more relaxed about taking initial risks than others and often stop up to invite more reluctant students to take experimental risk with technology.

Based on research done by Cindy Matthews (2005), by using technology, students are more interested and motivated to learn if it is used in the classroom. It also enhances learning in many cases. Technology can lead to improvement in performance most notably in Math, Science and Social Studies. Students also improved their attitude, confidence and skills.

According to Drew Hendricks (2002) in his studies, including technology in the classroom gives teachers more options and tools to cater to each student individually. Technology can improve focus and boost students' self-esteem, teach them valuable skills like fast, accurate typing and using online search engines to find trustworthy sources for research. With a supportive community and teachers who are willing to be trained and embrace technology in their classes, students of every age are sure to benefit from the many tools and skills technology can offer.

Some students in Bataan are very lucky because almost all municipalities are already have an e-classroom in elementary and ICT hub in some high schools. But I think it would be better if every classroom are ready or equipped with Technology so that students can be motivated to learn easily.

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