WHAT IS E-LEARNING?

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What is e-Learning? In technical term, e-Learning is a management system for teaching and learning processes. It helps teachers to make administrative tasks easier and in the most convenient way, and student learning more interactive and engaging. E-Learning has two general classifications: the online e-Learning and the offline e-Learning.

Online e-Learning is the access of the learning management system using cloud or internet. You can access it anytime and anywhere as long as you are connected to the internet. Offline e-Learning is the access of learning management system using a server. Access of e-Learning is limited to where the server is installed, usually in school premises only. E-learning also may classify according to what they can offer, like a complete package e-Learning and the limited one. A complete package e-Learning is an e-learning with content and learning management system. Content refers to ready-made video tutorials, activities, test, experiment and resources in different subject areas for the use of the teacher during classes while LMS or learning management system refers to the system of e-Learning that allows teachers to do the administrative task like checking of attendance, input of grade and checking of student test. A limited learning management system is an e-Learning that only allows teachers to do administrative task, like for example grading system and assessment tool.

What can teachers and students do with the e-Learning? E-Learning helps teachers’ administrative task and teaching experience much easier. For example, teachers can do the checking of attendance with the use of e-learning, once a student logs in and accesses the assign lesson for the day, automatically student is present in teacher’s account. Teachers may verify through personal check of student. In grading system, e-Learning collects all the grade accumulated by the student in examination and activities, teacher may edit and add information if needed. In administering a test, the use of e-Learning in administration of...
test is much easier, use less paper, discourage cheating and secures secrecy of information of the test. Avoid cheating in a way that using e-Learning teacher has a choice to randomize the items and the options of test once student access it. Student pace may different to other classmate. Security due examination may only access through the password given by the teacher and the date specified during the assignment of examination. It will automatically expire and remove once due. Storage, e-Learning is a good storage of teacher and student data. Lesson created and uploaded of the teacher inside the e-Learning can accessible anytime and anywhere they want. Resources and documents uploaded are automatically scanned and secured by the system. Classes sometimes cancelled due to unfortunate event. Teacher may give assignment to the students through the use of e-Learning. Contents or some e-Learning refer it to the subject. Teacher and student have access on it. Through the use of content or ready-made lesson teacher can now show to student a real life samples of the lesson. Student may also access this content through their account. Teacher doesn’t need to search online for video tutorials or activities since it is available with the use of e-Learning. E-Learning companies also ensure that the content uploaded in the system where appropriate to the level of student, valid and relevant. Another feature of e-Learning that useful in elementary teachers were the game builder. This feature of e-Learning allows teacher to make an interactive games or activity out of the plane multiple choice or fill in the blank questions. This is very interesting and engaging activity for student. Even in research or school election e-Learning can be a big help. Most of the e-Learning has a survey feature, allowing individual to gather data of users preferences through likert scale, voting system or a poll. Parents in private schools find e-Learning very useful and convenient because they can check their children’s performance through students account. Also distribution of student’s grade is very convenient it is emailed into the parents email accounts and can be access through student account. Use of e-Learning is very convenient but it requires further training before a teacher master the use of it.
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