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INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING METHOD

Innovative Teaching

STRATEGIES

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PREFACE

Innovative teaching and learning strategies are essential for engaging students and enhancing the learning experience. For this to happen, classroom experience should be redefined and innovative ideas that make teaching and learning methods more effective should be implemented. The use of innovative methods in educational institutions has the potential not only to improve education, but also to empower people, strengthen governance and galvanize the effort to achieve the human development goal for the country.

The purpose of this booklet is to suggest useful innovative teaching and learning methods which could easily be imparted knowledge to the students.

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WHAT IS INNOVATIVE TEACHING STRATEGIES?

Innovative teaching is the process of proactively introducing new teaching strategies and methods into the classroom. The purpose of introducing these new teaching strategies and methods is to improve academic outcomes and address real problems to promote equitable learning.
Using innovative teaching strategies in the classroom can make learning easier and more effective. Experimenting with diverse strategies in the classroom is an iterative process that will assist teachers in promoting learning to encourage student growth.

WHY IS A INNOVATIVE TEACHING STRATEGIES IS IMPORTANT?

Finding innovative methods of teaching is a crucial skill. Research has shown that certain methods and approaches can truly enhance the learning skill. Some innovative methods of teaching could be the combination of various digital media type such as text, images, audio and video, into an integrated multi-sensory interactive application or presentation to convey information to the audience.
In education, student engagement refers to the degree of attention, curiosity, interest, optimism, and passion that students show when they are learning or being taught, which extends to the level of motivation they have to learn and progress in their education. When students are engaged with the lesson being taught, they learn more and retain more.
Students who are engaged in the work tend to persist more and find joy in completing the work. So make their classes interesting. Here are some innovative ideas that will help teachers reinvent their teaching methods and make their classes interesting.

METHODS OF INNOVATIVE TEACHING

1. PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Personalized learning customizes what, when, and how each student is taught. Rather than using a single approach or plan to teach the entire class, teachers adjust to the capabilities of each student to help them succeed.
65% of high schools in the United States use personalized learning plans for their students, based on the teacher's unique knowledge of student learning styles and interests. Though each student's individualized learning journey is unique, the final aim is subject proficiency or achieving grade-level benchmarks.

This strategy includes:
Blended learning : This teaching strategy gives the student more responsibility over their own learning, with the teacher functioning as a general guide and overseer over a more discovery-based learning environment. Students are allowed to choose how and at what pace they move through the content.

Adaptive learning : Adaptive learning technology collects data from student responses to specific questions on a computer. Then the software uses that information to provide immediate feedback or adaptation for the student and notifies the teacher so they can change the lesson plan accordingly. Personalized learning tailors the educational experience to the individual needs, preferences, and pace of each student. This can involve adapting content, pacing, and innovative methods of teaching to align with the unique learning styles and strengths of each learner.

Example of Personalized Learning

In a science class, students might engage in personalized learning through adaptive online platforms. The educator support platform assesses each student's strengths and weaknesses and provides customized learning paths, offering additional resources or challenges based on individual progress. This approach allows students to move at their own pace, reinforcing concepts they find challenging and advancing more quickly through material they grasp easily.

2. PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Project-based learning creates exercises that require students to identify a real-world problem and then devise a solution. Project-based learning is built on the development of specific, transferable skills such as research, critical thinking, problem-solving, and cooperation. It is an active form of learning in which students gain expertise via implementation of their knowledge rather than rote memorization.

Teamwork, digital tools, and using problem-solving skills to find a solution to the challenge at hand are key components of project-based learning. This strategy improves student engagement in education, enhances learning, and allows students to use technology in a variety of ways which can improve the enjoyment and satisfaction of learning.

Teaching with this method links students and schools to their communities and the outside world, demonstrating how all disciplines are interlinked and creating opportunities to experience learning facing real situations rather than contrived examples.

Project-Based Learning is an instructional methodology that centers around students completing projects that require them to apply their knowledge and skills to real-world challenges. PBL emphasizes hands-on, collaborative learning, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Example of Project-based Learning

In a biology class, students could engage in a PBL project focused on environmental conservation. The project might involve researching local ecosystems, identifying environmental issues, proposing solutions, and implementing a community awareness campaign. Throughout the project, students would not only deepen their understanding of biology but also develop research, communication, and teamwork skills as they work towards a tangible goal.

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3. JIGSAWS METHOD

Any educator understands that being able to teach a concept to others successfully demonstrates true mastery. Jigsaws are a tried-and-true cooperative learning technique that capitalizes on this idea by having students teach other students. Students are split into groups, and each group is given distinct information that they must learn well enough to teach to another group.

When each group has learned their information, they are organized into new groups, each of which is made up of one member from each of the content groups, much like a jigsaw puzzle of various pieces coming together to create a whole picture. Each individual member then discusses what they have learned, bringing the teachings to life and allowing students to build their learning by interacting with one another and the content. As they teach others, students become the experts in what they have learned. The only con to this method is when the "expert" in a group misinterprets facts or is not able to teach others well.

Example of Jigsaw

In a history class studying a particular time period, each student could be assigned to become an "expert" on a different aspect, such as political, economic, social, or cultural elements of that era. After researching and becoming knowledgeable in their area, students would then form new groups with members who have expertise in different aspects. In these new groups, students share their knowledge, creating a comprehensive understanding of the historical period through collaborative learning.

4. ASKING OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Students often place too much reliance on finding the one right answer in their textbooks versus thinking outside the box. They may develop the belief that there are only right and wrong responses. However, most questions do not have single specific solutions.

To broaden student horizons, teachers should promote lively in-class discussions by asking open-ended questions – those which have multiple possible solutions. Students can put together cohesive elements based on their own knowledge as well as present information to piece together a solution, which they can then support using evidence. This can help the students not just to find their voice, but also to express themselves and support their reasoning.

5. FLIPPING THE CLASSROOM

In this strategy, standard lectures are set aside in favor of class time spent on research, application, and assessment to better connect learners and their needs. Outside of class, students study topics by reading, watching short pre-recorded video lectures, or researching tasks. Class time is used to assist students in working through the content in groups or individually during active learning, emphasizing complex reasoning and problem-solving skills.

The flipped classroom model reverses the traditional teaching approach by delivering instructional content, such as lectures, through digital media outside of the classroom. Class time is then used for interactive activities, discussions, and application of knowledge.

Example of Flipped Classroom

In a math class, instead of the teacher delivering a lecture on a new concept during class time, students might watch a pre-recorded video lecture at home. Class time would then be dedicated to working on math problems, engaging in group discussions, and receiving personalized assistance from the teacher. This allows students to learn at their own pace, receive more individualized support, and actively apply what they've learned

6. INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING

Inquiry-based learning entails more than simply asking a student what he or she wishes to learn. The main purpose is to generate curiosity to engage students in the material. However, stimulating a student's curiosity is a far more essential and challenging task than simply delivering facts. Despite its complexities, this strategy of learning can be easier on instructors because it shifts some duties from teachers to students and gives students authority to engage with the material. Taking notes in a class is passive and not always the most productive or enjoyable way to learn. Inquiry-based learning, as opposed to memorizing facts from the teacher, enriches the learning process by allowing students to explore issues on their own. Students' cognitive talents can be used to develop a good understanding of all subjects while making connections to everyday life. Students are given the freedom to form their own opinions on what they are studying, permitting them to develop a greater knowledge of a subject than through rote memorization and recalling data. Inquiry-Based Learning is an approach where students actively explore and investigate topics, posing questions and conducting research to construct their understanding. This method encourages curiosity, critical thinking, and a deeper engagement with the subject matter.

Applying Inquiry-Based Learning in the Classroom

There are different types of Inquiry-Based Learning that educators can apply to the classroom. The great thing is that IBL is flexible thus allowing teachers to fit it into their lessons.

First Person Experiences : In this project, students research and take on the identities of people actively involved in an event or era.

Inquiring Minds: In this activity students form small groups based on selected topics and create questions that must be answered through research.

Transmediations : Instead of a presentation try a writing activity. In this example, students change the medium of a work from its original form into a new one. For example, changing a book into a poem or song.

Examples - Press Conference : Just as it sounds, students create a presentation similar to a press conference. Have students research a given topic and present it to their peers. The rest of the class acts as the audience and presents questions. While this example of inquiry-based learning also serves as a great lesson in public speaking, it is a wonderful way to encourage students to ask all kinds of questions. A great advantage of Inquiry-Based learning is that educators can apply it across different disciplines and subjects. Plus, it will instill a desire to learn more and inspire students to always question what is in front of them.

7. CULTURALLY INCLUSIVE TEACHING

Teaching can be difficult due to students coming from various cultural backgrounds with diverse needs. Students are unique and acquire educational knowledge differently. Culturally inclusive education connects the subject matter to the cultures of the students, establishing a personal connection. Teachers can get to know the students, their cultural backgrounds, and some basic cultural information, then use examples and exercises to connect their study topic to different cultures. Note that incorporating different cultures must be done delicately and in a manner that respects and promotes diversity in the classroom.

8. FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Teachers should know how to use their classrooms for different instructional approaches. For example, when teachers are willing to change the furniture around in the classroom, they may discover that it is a critical variable for boosting student learning. As education has changed, the classroom space must allow opportunities for students to work alone, communicate with their peers, and collaborate.

Many classrooms today are still packed, cluttered, and noisy environments that make it difficult for kids to move about, inducing communication breakdowns and other barriers to concentration and understanding. Learning environments should maintain fluidity to facilitate one-on-one learning, collaboration, free-thinking, and group debates.

9. INTERACTIVE LESSONS

Interactive lessons involve innovation methods in teaching that actively engage students in the learning process. Instead of passively receiving information, students participate in activities, discussions, and exercises that require their input and involvement. This approach aims to foster a more dynamic and engaging classroom environment. Interactive lessons can take various forms, including group discussions, hands-on activities, simulations, case studies, and collaborative projects. Teachers may use technology tools, interactive whiteboards, or other resources to facilitate participation and feedback, encouraging students to take an active role in their own learning.

Example of Interactive Lesson

Imagine a biology lesson where students use a virtual dissecting table. Through a touch-sensitive screen, students can virtually dissect a frog. They can drag and drop tools, zoom in for a closer look, and receive real-time feedback on their technique. This interactive approach engages students actively in the learning process, making it more memorable and enjoyable.

10. BLENDED LEARNING

Blended learning is an educational approach that combines traditional face-to-face instruction with online learning components. It seeks to leverage the strengths of both in-person and digital learning to create more flexible and personalized learning strategies and experience. An example of blended learning might involve students attending in-person classes for lectures and discussions while also completing online modules, interactive simulations, or collaborative projects outside of the classroom. This approach allows for a mix of teacher-led instruction, self-paced online learning, and interactive activities, catering to different learning styles and promoting student engagement.

Example of Blended Learning

In a blended learning scenario, a history class might have students attend traditional lectures and participate in classroom discussions. Additionally, the teacher could integrate online modules featuring interactive timelines and collaborative research projects. Students might use online discussion forums to share their insights and engage with peers beyond the physical classroom. The blend of in-person and online activities aims to enhance the overall learning experience and provide students with more flexibility in how they access and interact with course content.

11. 3D (Three-Dimensional) PRINTING

3D printing, also known as additive manufacturing, involves creating physical objects layer by layer based on a digital model. In education, 3D printing is utilized to bring concepts to life in a tangible and visual way. Teachers and students can design and print three-dimensional models that represent scientific structure, organs or prototypes. This hands-on approach enhances understanding by allowing students to interact with physical representations of abstract ideas.

Example of 3D Printing

3-D printers can turn a scan of an organ into a scale model that medical and nursing students can hold in their hands. This technology gives medical professionals access to a valuable new learning tool that makes it easier to envision internal organs that can otherwise seem like abstract concepts. The tactile experience of holding and examining 3D-printed models can significantly enhance the learning process and make complex topics more accessible.

12. THE DESIGN-THINKING PROCESS

The design-thinking process is a problem-solving approach that emphasizes empathy, ideation, prototyping, and testing. It encourages a creative and collaborative mindset to address complex challenges. In education, the design-thinking process can be applied to foster critical thinking, innovation, and real-world problem-solving skills among students.

Example of Design-thinking Process

Let's consider a design-thinking project in a high school setting. Students might be tasked with addressing a local environmental issue, such as waste reduction. The process would start with empathizing, where students research and understand the perspectives of different stakeholders affected by the problem. Next, they would ideate, generating creative solutions to address the issue. In the prototyping phase, students might create physical or digital prototypes of their proposed solutions. Finally, they would test and refine their prototypes based on feedback and real-world observations. This design-thinking approach integrates various skills, including research, collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving, providing students with a holistic learning experience.

13. PEER TEACHING

Peer teaching involves students taking on the role of the teacher to explain concepts or assist their classmates in understanding specific topics. This approach reinforces understanding through teaching and encourages collaboration.

Example of Peer Teaching

In a language class, students could pair up to practice conversational skills. Each pair is responsible for teaching and correcting each other's pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary usage. This not only provides additional practice for the students but also promotes a supportive learning community where students take an active role in each other's learning.

14. PEER FEEDBACK

Peer feedback involves students providing constructive feedback to their peers on their work, presentations, or projects. This encourages a culture of collaboration, communication, and continuous improvement.

Example of Peer Feedback

In a writing class, students could exchange drafts of their essays with a peer. The peers would then provide feedback on the structure, clarity, and overall effectiveness of the writing. This process not only helps students improve their writing skills but also enhances their ability to critically evaluate and provide constructive feedback.

15. CROSSOVER TEACHING

Crossover teaching involves educators from different subjects collaborating to integrate content from multiple disciplines. This interdisciplinary approach aims to show the interconnectedness of different subjects and enhance the relevance of learning.

Example of Crossover Teaching

In a high school setting, a history teacher and a literature teacher might collaborate on a unit exploring a specific historical period. Students could read literature from that era, analyze historical documents, and discuss the cultural and social context. This crossover teaching approach helps students see how knowledge from different subjects can complement and enrich their understanding of a particular topic.

16. GAMIFICATION

Gamification integrates game elements into non-game contexts, such as education, to enhance engagement and motivation. Points, levels, challenges, and rewards are used to make learning more enjoyable.

Example of Gamification

In a language learning app, students earn points for completing lessons, quizzes, and interactive exercises. As they accumulate points, they unlock new levels and earn virtual rewards. This gamified learning approach incentivizes consistent learning, provides a sense of achievement, and makes the language learning process more enjoyable and interactive.

17. MISTAKE-LED TEACHING

Mistake-led teaching emphasizes the value of mistakes as opportunities for learning and growth. Instead of penalizing mistakes, this approach encourages reflection, analysis, and understanding through the process of making and correcting errors.

Example of Mistake-Led Teaching

In a mathematics class, when students make mistakes in problem-solving, the teacher could use those mistakes as teaching moments. Instead of providing the correct answer immediately, the teacher facilitates a discussion where students analyze the errors, identify misconceptions, and collectively work towards the correct solution. This fosters a positive learning environment where mistakes are viewed as a natural part of the learning process.

18. THINK - PAIR - SHARE

"Think-pair-share (TPS)" is an instructional method where learners work together and attempt to answer questions or solve problems on a given text. This strategy requires students to (1) think independently about a subject or answer a question; and (2) share their thoughts with classmates.

Guidelines for discussions will be given.

It is based on the premise that discussing problems or challenges with a partner promotes involvement, collects attention and improves their comprehension of the reading material.

It is also known as the 'turn and talk'. TPS is one way that teachers use to slow down the talking and give the students an opportunity to process their ideas before verbally responding.

Getting started with "Think, pair, share"

Some educators can be apprehensive about using dialogic teaching methods in the classroom, potentially, this might lead to the creation of chaotic learning environments that we all want to avoid. Utilizing this simple strategy can be a lot easier than many teachers think. We encourage the adoption of talk guidelines in classrooms and professional learning opportunities for staff. So how can we start using this powerful strategy?

Observe and direct students as they work through the following:

T (Think) : Teachers start by precisely asking using open-ended questions about the text. Students pause to reflect and recall what they know about a specific topic or.

P (Pair) : Students are combined into pairs or a small group.

S (Share) : Share a good opportunity for students to speak their thoughts to their partners. Teachers expand the "share" into a whole-class discussion through student engagement.

Application of TPS

As a teacher, you have to describe what TPS is all about to your students. Explain to them why it is important for them to learn about TPS and (why it helps learning). Also, let them know that they might not feel comfortable taking part at first. Pose an open-ended question for students to answer and ask them to write their thoughts. You could also ask them to write their thoughts before pairing them. Ask them to share with their partners (groups of 2 or 3 only) and share their thought process/answer with their partners. You could also have students take notes from their partner's feedback. Make sure that your class knows how they should spend their time during class by letting them switch who is talking if they don't already, and let them finish their thoughts at the end of each period. Prompt students to report out on "behalf" of their group. There could be differences in thought process and whether the group settled for something common.

19. ACTIVE LEARNING

Active learning involves strategies that engage students in the learning process through activities, discussions, and participation, rather than passive listening. It encourages students to think critically and apply their knowledge actively.

Example of Active Learning

In a biology class, instead of a traditional lecture format, students might participate in a hands-on lab where they conduct experiments to understand cellular processes. The teacher facilitates discussions, and students actively work together to analyze results and draw conclusions. This hands-on approach not only reinforces theoretical knowledge but also enhances critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

20. COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

Collaborative learning involves students working together in groups to achieve shared learning goals. It promotes communication, teamwork, and the exchange of innovative ideas in education.

Example of Collaborative Learning

In a history class, students could be assigned a research project on a specific historical event. Each group member is responsible for investigating different aspects of the event, such as political, social, and economic impacts. The group collaborates to synthesize information and create a comprehensive presentation. This collaborative approach not only deepens individual understanding but also enhances teamwork and communication skills.

21. EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Experiential learning (ExL) is the process of learning through experience, and is more narrowly defined as "learning through reflection on doing". Hands-on learning can be a form of experiential learning, but does not necessarily involve students reflecting on their product. Experiential learning is distinct from rote or didactic learning, in which the learner plays a comparatively passive role. It is related to, but not synonymous with, other forms of active learning such as action learning, adventure learning, free-choice learning, cooperative learning, service-learning, and situated learning.

Elements

Experiential learning can occur without a teacher and relates solely to the meaning-making process of the individual's direct experience. However, though the gaining of knowledge is an inherent process that occurs naturally, a genuine learning experience requires certain elements. According to Kolb, knowledge is continuously gained through both personal and environmental experiences. Kolb states that in order to gain genuine knowledge from an experience, the learner must have four abilities :

- The learner must be willing to be actively involved in the experience;
- The learner must be able to reflect on the experience;
- The learner must possess and use analytical skills to conceptualize the experience; and
- The learner must possess decision making and problem solving skills in order to use the new ideas gained from the experience.

22. CONCEPT MAPPPING

Concept mapping is a teaching strategy that helps students learn and retain information by visually representing relationships between concepts. It's a cross-disciplinary technique that can be used in many classes, including STEM, humanities, social sciences, languages, and the arts.

Benefits of concept mapping :

1. Helps students see the big picture

   Concept maps help students chunk information based on meaningful connections, making details more significant and easier to remember.

2. Helps students develop higher-order thinking skills

   Concept maps help students manage concepts into sub-concepts, synthesize information, and develop higher-order thinking skills.

3. Helps teachers understand how students process information

   Concept mapping helps teachers understand how their students process information by watching them work through complex subjects.

Tips for using concept mapping :

1. Start with a central concept and then map related concepts that students already know.
2. Brainstorm main ideas to study.
3. Put ideas on paper, a whiteboard, or a chalkboard.
4. Identify relationships between terms and come up with linking terms to explain the relationships.
5. Arrange and re-arrange ideas until they make sense.
6. Use circles or squares around concepts to make them clear on the map.
7. Use arrows to show the logical flow of concepts.

Example - A concept map can be used to explore different types of cells, such as white blood cells, red blood cells, platelets, and muscle cells. Important cells can be drawn in larger circles to help students focus on them.

23. SIMULATION-BASED LEARNING

Simulation-based learning is a teaching method that allows students to practice skills in a simulated environment that mimics real-world situations. It can help students develop knowledge and skills, and gain confidence.

Simulation-based learning is used in many fields, including healthcare, where it's been part of the curriculum since the 18th century. It's also used in life support courses, such as basic and advanced cardiac and trauma life support.

Benefits of simulation-based learning :

1. Risk-free training: Students can try out different approaches and learn from their mistakes without putting patients at risk.
2. Improves skills: Students can develop technical, functional, problem-solving, decision-making, interpersonal, and communication skills.
3. Increases confidence: Students can gain confidence as they practice and become more comfortable with using their skills.

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4. Improves understanding: Students can gain a deeper understanding of the material.

5. Improves learning satisfaction: Students can be more satisfied with their learning experience

Some other things to consider about simulation-based learning include :

1. Infrastructure

   Having a proper infrastructure and skilled instructors is important for simulation-based learning.

2. Debriefing

   Post-simulation debriefing is a critical part of the learning experience. It helps learners think reflectively and provides feedback on their performance.

3. Physiological data

   Physiological data for patient simulators can be emulated so that it doesn't have to rely on actual sensors.

24. BRAINSTORMING

Brainstorming is a teaching method that can be used to generate ideas on a topic or question. The teacher may begin a brainstorming session by posing a question or a problem, or by introducing a topic.

1. Mind mapping
A brainstorming method that can be used for planning and visualizing the teaching process.

2. Round robin
A brainstorming strategy where students sit around a table and generate ideas on a topic or question.

3. Rapid ideation
A technique that encourages participants to write down as many ideas as they can within a set time limit.

4. Starbursting
A brainstorming tool that encourages creativity in finding solutions to problems.

5. Figure storming
A creative technique where participants imagine themselves as someone else and consider how that person might approach a problem.

6. Stepladder technique
A brainstorming technique that allows everyone to contribute ideas without being influenced by the initial ideas.

When planning a brainstorming session, you can consider :

1. Defining the topic clearly
2. Choosing the right brainstorming technique for your class
3. Setting ground rules for the group
4. Facilitating the process
5. Clarifying, merging, categorizing, and evaluating the ideas generated

25. STORY-BASED LEARNING APPROACH

Growing up, children listen to fairy-tales which provide an accessible way to communicate important messages to children in a playful, simple manner. Younger minds make connections between the fairy-tale world and real-life situations, which helps them develop problem-solving skills. Put another way, stories make it easier for children to receive and process information. Storytelling as a teaching method is thus a highly effective tool for building up new knowledge and learning a variety of 21st-century skills.

Storytelling is a teaching method that can help students learn in a variety of ways, including :

1. Language learning: Storytelling can help students learn new language structures and enrich their vocabulary. It can also help develop language skills holistically.
2. Memory and attention: Storytelling can help boost memory and attentiveness.
3. Critical thinking: Storytelling can help students develop critical thinking skills.
4. Imagination and creativity: Storytelling can help students develop their imagination and creativity.
5. Positive attitude: Storytelling can help students develop a positive attitude towards making mistakes and self-critique.
6. Emotional intelligence: Storytelling can help students gain insight into human behavior and foster emotional intelligence.
7. Learning attitude: Storytelling can help students develop a positive learning attitude.
8. Problem solving: Storytelling can help students learn to resolve problems in a playful way. Storytelling can be an effective way to teach a variety of topics, including linguistic concepts. Teachers can choose stories that are directly or indirectly related to the lesson they want to teach.

26. FISHBOWL DISCUSSION

Fishbowl is a strategy for facilitating group discussions. In a Fishbowl discussion, students inside the "fishbowl" actively discuss a topic. Students outside the fishbowl listen carefully to the conversation. They take turns in these roles to practice being both contributors and listeners in a group discussion.

A Fishbowl activity is especially useful when you want to make sure all students participate in a discussion, when you want to help students reflect on what a good discussion looks like, and when you need a structure for discussing controversial or difficult topics. A Fishbowl discussion makes for an excellent pre-writing activity, often unearthing questions or ideas that students can explore more deeply in an independent assignment.

The fishbowl method is a teaching strategy that helps students practice responding to multiple viewpoints and participating in group discussions.

Here's how it works :

1. Students are divided into two concentric circles, with a small group in the inner circle and a larger group in the outer circle.
2. Students in the inner circle, or "fishbowl", discuss a topic.

3. Students in the outer circle listen to the discussion and take notes.
4. Students take turns in the inner and outer circle roles. The fishbowl method helps students practice being both contributors and listeners in a group discussion. It also allows students to practice a skill under peer review and audience. Students in the outer circle can provide insight into what makes for effective small-group discussions.

Research supports the use of the fishbowl method as an effective way to engage students with a range of abilities and in multiple settings.

27. MOBILE LEARNING (mLearning)

Mobile learning (mLearning) is a method of teaching that uses mobile devices to access learning content. It's a form of distance education that allows students to learn on the go, whenever and wherever they want.

Mobile learning seeks to utilize the ubiquity and unique capabilities of mobile devices to make course materials available to students wherever they are, and to create new kinds of learning experiences that help students engage with course content and the world.

Benefits of mobile learning :

1. Accessibility

Students can access learning content from anywhere, as long as they have a mobile device and internet connectivity.

2. Flexibility

Students can learn at their own pace and schedule.

3. Engagement

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4. Cost reduction

Mobile learning can reduce overall training costs by eliminating expenses related to printed materials and physical venues.

5. Collaboration

Mobile platforms can foster collaboration through social features, encouraging learners to interact and share insights.

6. Rich media

Mobile learning can incorporate diverse multimedia resources such as videos, audio, and interactive visuals.

28. SERVICE LEARNING

Service learning is a teaching method in nursing that involves students applying classroom learning to real-world experiences. It can help students develop a sense of agency and self-confidence, and gain a broader perspective of healthcare. It can also help them understand the needs of marginalized communities.

Benefits of service learning in nursing:

1. Real-world application

Service learning helps students apply classroom learning to clinical experience.

2. Community engagement

Service learning helps students become aware of community health needs.

3. Sense of agency

Service learning helps students develop a sense of agency and self-confidence.

4. Broader perspective

Service learning helps students develop a broader perspective of healthcare.

Some examples of service learning include :

1. Tutoring
2. Working with patients
3. Participating in events at a nursing home

29. SOCRATIC METHOD

It is the art of teaching by asking questions. It simply means that the teacher doesn't stand up in front of the class and lecture while students take notes; instead, he or she sits beside them and asks questions of the material right along with them. This approach has a couple of powerful benefits. First of all, it relieves teachers of the need to be experts in every subject they encounter. Socratic teachers profess ignorance, rather than expertise, as their starting point. We find that this is a much more convenient place to begin, if we're telling the truth. Socratic teaching can take tremendous pressure off the shoulders of parents who are often pulled in many directions by the demands of a busy life.

Secondly, the Socratic method allows teachers to multiply their efforts because it teaches students how to learn, rather than simply what to think. By asking the right questions of a work of literature, Socratic teachers model this style of inquiry, teaching their students to do the same on their own. Where a lecture can transfer information from one brain to another, Socratic teaching can pass on a method of learning, allowing students to teach themselves even after the class is over.

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30. DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION

A method that attempts to meet the needs of a diverse student population by modifying content, process, or products to suit the needs of each student.

Differentiated instruction tailors' instruction to cater to the unique learning style, readiness, and interests of each student. This strategy involves using a variety of different instructional methods to teach students the same information. It also may require teachers to teach content at varying levels according to individual student readiness. The primary goal of differentiating instruction is to ensure that all students remain actively engaged in the learning process by providing tasks that align with their specific needs. Teachers employ various strategies for instructional differentiation, such as flexible groupings, learning centers, and independent study, among other approaches.

31. TACTILE LEARNING

Also known as kinesthetic learning, tactile learning takes place through demonstrations and hands-on activities. This teaching method also applies to online classrooms, with the teacher demonstrating an activity and learners practicing simultaneously from their homes. It's best suited for practical subjects and skills where learners need to develop dexterity or construct things.

The term tactile learning refers to active and collaborative learning. By working at the same pace as the teacher, mistakes can be spotted and corrected immediately, preventing the learner from developing a wrong technique.

32. INTERACTIVE LESSONS

Interactive lessons involve innovation methods in teaching that actively engage students in the learning process. Instead of passively receiving information, students participate in activities, discussions, and exercises that require their input and involvement. This approach aims to foster a more dynamic and engaging classroom environment. Interactive lessons can take various forms, including group discussions, hands-on activities, simulations, case studies, and collaborative projects. Teachers may use technology tools, interactive whiteboards, or other resources to facilitate participation and feedback, encouraging students to take an active role in their own learning.

Example of Interactive Lesson

Imagine a biology lesson where students use a virtual dissecting table. Through a touch-sensitive screen, students can virtually dissect a frog. They can drag and drop tools, zoom in for a closer look, and receive real-time feedback on their technique. This interactive approach engages students actively in the learning process, making it more memorable and enjoyable.

33. MINDFULNESS AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Mindfulness and SEL are educational approaches that focus on developing students' emotional and social skills. These methods encourage self-awareness, self-regulation, empathy, and effective communication, fostering a supportive and positive classroom environment.

How It Works :

1. Practicing Mindfulness: Incorporate mindfulness exercises such as deep breathing, meditation, and mindful listening to help students stay present and manage stress.

2. Building Self-Awareness: Engage students in activities that promote self-reflection, helping them understand their emotions, strengths, and areas for growth.
3. Developing Self-Regulation: Teach techniques for managing emotions, setting goals, and maintaining focus and self-control.
4. Enhancing Social Skills: Facilitate activities that encourage teamwork, empathy, and effective communication, helping students build strong relationships.
5. Fostering a Positive Environment: Create a classroom culture that values respect, kindness, and emotional support, ensuring all students feel safe and valued.

34. KINESTHETIC LEARNING

Kinesthetic learning is a specific learning style also known as tactile learning. Kinesthetic learners absorb information best when it's presented through hands-on demonstrations, active learning and manipulative.

Kinesthetic learning is a great modern teaching method for all learners because it gives students more ways to explore concepts and get hands-on, real-life experiences in their learning environment that translate to better learning outcomes.

Example :

Students learning how to do multiplication participate in a variety of station rotation activities, including :

- Answering multiplication questions in Prodigy Math Game
- Working with base ten blocks and other math manipulative
- Working in small groups with the teacher to address learning gaps

35. GROWTH MINDSET

Even though it sounds more like a corporate buzzword, the philosophy of growth mindset has infiltrated the classroom. It focuses on helping students see the value of effort, persistence and risk in their learning environment, and pushes them to try new things and learn new concepts.
Since growth mindset is a relatively new teaching strategy, some teachers might struggle to use it effectively.

Here are some best practices :

1. Give positive feedback: Instead of rewarding intellect, praise students when they try new methods and make plans.
2. Promote a diverse classroom: When diversity is modelled for students, they're more likely to embrace different perspectives in their future learning goals.
3. Encourage goal-based journaling: Ask students set goals and reflect on their progress. Have goals follow the SMART method (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Time-Based) for maximum effect.

TIPS FOR IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE TEACHING STRATEGIES

Implementing innovative teaching strategies can be a trans formative experience for both educators and students. Here are some tips to help facilitate the successful integration of innovating teaching strategies in the classroom:

- Start with Clear Learning Objectives :
Clearly define the learning objectives and goals you want to achieve with the innovation teaching strategy. Ensure that the chosen strategy aligns with the curriculum and educational outcomes.

- Understand Your Students:
Consider the needs, learning styles, and interests of your students. Tailor the innovative strategy in teaching to match the characteristics of your classroom, fostering a more personalized and engaging learning experience.

- Create a Supportive Environment :
Foster a positive and supportive classroom culture that encourages experimentation, creativity, and risk-taking. Establish an atmosphere where students feel comfortable exploring new concepts and expressing their ideas.

- Provide Adequate Resources :
Ensure that teachers and students have access to the necessary resources, including technology, materials, and training materials. Adequate resources facilitate a smooth implementation of innovating teaching strategies.

- Encourage Collaboration :
Promote collaboration among educators by creating opportunities for sharing insights, experiences, and best practices. Collaborative environments foster a culture of continuous improvement and innovation.

- Seek Student Feedback :
Regularly gather feedback from students to understand their experiences with the innovative teaching strategies. This input helps educators make necessary adjustments and tailor the strategies to better suit student needs.

- Celebrate Successes :
Acknowledge and celebrate the successes achieved through the implementation of innovative teaching strategies. Recognizing achievements reinforces the value of experimentation and encourages a positive attitude towards innovation.

- Stay Informed and Updated :
Stay informed about emerging education trends, technologies, and pedagogical approaches. Continuous learning and staying updated ensure that educators remain at the forefront of innovative teaching practices.

- Flexibility and Adaptability :

Be flexible and willing to adapt. Different strategies may work for different students or in varying contexts. Flexibility allows for adjustments based on ongoing assessments and feedback.

- Encourage Continuous Professional Development :

Support ongoing professional development for teachers, including attending workshops, conferences, and participating in online communities. Continuous learning ensures that teachers stay inspired and well-equipped to implement innovative strategy in teaching effectively. Remember that the successful implementation of innovative teaching strategies requires a combination of planning, collaboration, and a commitment to ongoing improvement. By creating a supportive and dynamic learning environment, educators can enhance student engagement and foster a love for learning.

WHAT TEACHING STRATEGIES SHOULD ONE AVOID?

- Over Reliance on Lectures :
Long lectures without interaction can lead to disinterest. Include discussions and activities for engagement.

- Ignoring Student Diversity :
Adapt teaching to diverse needs, learning styles, and backgrounds for an inclusive environment.

- Excessive Use of Worksheets :
Balance worksheets with hands-on activities and real-world applications to avoid passive learning.

- Excessive Testing :
Balance standardized testing with other assessments like projects and presentations.

- Ignoring Technology Integration :
Thoughtfully integrate technology to prepare students for the digital age.

- Lack of Clear Learning Objectives :
Clearly state learning outcomes to provide direction and purpose for lessons.

- Ignoring Student Voice :
Involve students in decision-making processes and incorporate their interests.

- Sole Reliance on Textbooks :
Supplement textbooks with real-world examples, multimedia, and interactive activities.

- Neglecting Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) :
Incorporate SEL activities for a positive and supportive learning environment.

- Isolationist Teaching :
Collaborate with colleagues and involve students in collaborative learning experiences.

- Fear of Mistakes :
Embrace mistakes as learning opportunities and encourage a growth mindset.

- Lack of Variety in Assessment :
Use a variety of assessments to capture a comprehensive view of student understanding.

THE FUTURE OF INNOVATIVE TEACHING

Over the past few years, the transition from traditional brick-and-mortar learning to digital education has accelerated a pre-existing trend. Virtual academy enrollments had been steadily increasing well before the pandemic, catering to hundreds of thousands of students annually in the US. The provision of digital programs offers students enhanced flexibility, granting them greater access to teachers and classes while empowering them to take more control over their learning experiences.

Quoting Plato's timeless wisdom, "our need will be the real creator," or in modern terms, "necessity is the mother of invention." While innovative teaching strategies were once considered a niche practice by a select few educators, they are now becoming commonplace as schools seek to address learning gaps and adapt to our evolving reality.

Anticipate witnessing a surge in blended learning, hybrid learning, and ambitious initiatives aimed at tackling the challenges confronting schools and students today. This trend extends beyond the classroom, impacting the workplace as well, as organizations grapple with how to navigate their own hybrid learning landscapes.

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