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Educational Technology Integration Pointers

WHY SHOULD WE USE TECH IN THE CLASSROOM?

Technology is extremely beneficial in the classroom, and we need to embrace it because it is not going anywhere! Here are a few reasons we should embrace tech at school:

- Students become good digital citizens
- Students become more engaged with learning materials
- Differentiation is made more efficient
- Easier ways to assess student understanding

Many useful tech tools are available for free for teachers. Here are some of our favorite ones:

ClassDojo: Free communication app for students, parents, and teachers.

Class Kick: Teachers can post assignments, and students can complete and give each other feedback anonymously.

Edpuzzle: An interactive video site where teachers can upload their own videos or search for others' videos and insert questions that students must answer before moving on.

iBrainstorm: An iOS app that encourages collaboration when brainstorming.

Kahoot!: Students participate in a fast-paced game to demonstrate their knowledge.

Kaizena: Students upload their work, and teachers leave recordings of their feedback.

Nearpod: Students join an interactive classroom, where a variety of formats and activities are available, and student progress is instant.

Peardeck: Similar to Nearpod, students join an interactive class and participate in activities, and teachers can keep track of their progress.

Plickers: Teachers can collect data in real-time, and students do not need their own, individual devices.

Prezi: An interactive presentation tool.

Seesaw: Improves parent communication and allows gives a way to assess formatively.

Triventy: A free quiz site that gives teachers real-time data on their students' understanding.

321 Tech Tools for Teachers: Categories and descriptions of tech tools to use in the classroom: https://elearningindustry.com/321-free-tools-for-teachers-free-educational-technology

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