

There are many different reasons educators use technology in classrooms. One example, it works with all students no matter what their learning style is. This also helps students stay engaged. Some students may not like to read a book, but if it is on a tablet, they could become more engaged. We are starting to enter the era where every student has used technology for most of their lives. Some students have used tablets and smartphones since they could before they could walk. This is why they may be more interested in engaged when even if they do small assignments through technology.

As educators, it is our responsibility to teach technology because technology seems to be the newest and greatest thing in our society. It is constantly changing, this means we may not be able to teach them everything they need to know. But, they will learn the correct and responsible way to use technology. Our job as educators is to make sure our students are equipped for their future. Whether that be, going to college, learning a trade, or going to a vocational school, whether we like it or not, technology is going to be a huge part of the future. If we fail to educate our students on technology we are not preparing them adequately for the real world.

Teaching technology can be very easy to include in your classroom. An easy way to teach it would be using virtual field trips. Students can use the virtual field trips to get comfortable going through different links throughout the virtual field trip, to find the answer they are looking for to complete the activity. Teachers should use technology as much as they can when teaching their students to enhance their learning experience. By using different power points, using a smart board (if available)/ letting students use the smart boards through different activities. There are so many different ways to teach technology. It does not have to be a elaborate lesson, the smallest things can sometimes have the biggest impact. It depends on what will work best with your students.

Technology can be a great thing when used correctly. Teachers should try to avoid using technology when you do not have anything else for the students to do. Technology should help scaffold the students learning to expand their growth academically. It should be used more than just a “filler”. It may not be easy to integrate, but it will be worth it in the long run.

We need to embrace technology. We need to embrace it as another tool to use in the classroom to help our students grow to reach their academic potential. It is only going to become

more popular as time goes on. It is not a fad that will be irrelevant in a few years or a trend that will pass. It is here to stay, the best thing we can do is embrace it and learn how to use it effectively in our classrooms.

I plan to integrate technology in my classroom through virtual field trips, green screen activities, and any other way I find appropriate for my classroom and what fits the needs of my students the best. I plan to integrate it as much as I can without it becoming a crutch and a “filler”. Lastly, I plan to use it to scaffold the students to push them towards their academic potential.