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Best Practices

Best Practice-1

Title of the Practice

Improving Teaching – Learning Process

Objectives

- To ensure the completion of syllabus according to the academic planner of each department
- To improve pass percentage by the college at the university level examinations

The context

- Learning strategy that draws on students' existing knowledge, beliefs, and skills. Students synthesize new understanding from prior learning and new information.
- Teacher sets up problems and monitors student exploration, guides student inquiry, and promotes new patterns of thinking. Working mostly with raw data, primary sources, and interactive material, students to work with their own data and learn to direct their own explorations. Ultimately, students begin to think of learning as accumulated, evolving knowledge.

The practice

- Academic planner along with the calendar of events is uploaded on the website for information to students.
- The heads of different departments monitor the pace of coverage of the syllabus.

- Informal feedback is obtained from students regarding the content delivery by different teachers. The teaching – learning committee members and the class teachers hold frequent informal meetings and cull out the information needed.
- Frequent assignments, tests and evaluation are conducted to improve performance in the semester – end examinations
- Computer science department staff and programmers train the teachers in the use of Power Point Presentations, browsing the internet for useful resources, uploading content on the college website, use of google docs for information sharing, etc.
- Interactive whiteboards or mobile devices can be used to display images and videos, which help students, visualize new academic concepts. Learning can become more interactive when technology is used as students can physically engage during lessons as well as instantly research their ideas, which develops autonomy.

Evidence of Success

- Appropriately paced and timely completion of syllabus
- Increased attendance in the classes
- Improvement in results.

Problems encountered and Resources required.

Development of animation based power point presentations in teaching, some subjects, has been hindered due to the want of in – house technical expertise.

Best Practice- 2

1. Title of the Practice

Newspaper reading is used to enhance the knowledge and can provide a great sense of educational value. To improve language skills and vocabulary for the rural area students.

2. Practice objectives

The objective of the practice is to stimulate the students to know the new words and equip their vocabulary and also to update their current affairs knowledge. Making a habit of reading newspaper daily increases the chances of better reading with good vocabulary.

3. The Context of the practice

Reading newspapers automatically improves one's language skills, raise our reading skills such as easy to find the points, or increase reading speed. Newspapers expand the curriculum with an unlimited amount of information to use as background for learning activities. Also, this activity will increase their communication skills.

4. The Practice:

The newspaper can get unique ideas about what is going on at present & what is in trend nowadays and enhance skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, mathematics, social studies and science. Critical thinking is the natural outgrowth of using a newspaper to learn. Unlike textbooks, which are several years outdated by the time they get into students' hands, the newspaper comes alive with information. The newspaper expands the curriculum with an unlimited amount of information to use as background for learning activities.

- Daily newspaper issue to the entire student.
- The newspaper read by students' every day.
- Word of the day: Daily 5 unfamiliar word are written in blackboard and giving the meaning of the word.

These activities will help students improve their skills in reading and writing. These skills are among the ones they will practice: how to find the main idea, how to increase vocabulary, how to compare readings, how to form sentences, how to ask a good question and how to write a great summary.

They will employ many critical thinking skills as they are required to interact with the authentic material found in the newspaper.

5. Evidence of Success:

- One can sharpen one's communication skills, i.e. reading and writing. By reading newspapers regularly at an appointed time reading and comprehension abilities get enhanced. The more one reads, new words and expressions reveal their meaning to the reader's mind. Automatically the vocabulary gets enriched and the language becomes richer, fluent and more expressive.
- Newspaper makes you aware of products, your rights and companies to trust on. For students who are pursuing management course get to know about financial and non-financial terms. Newspapers are a treasure trove of information for students preparing for competitions and contests. Many people get to know about our traditional culture. Through newspaper reading we get to know about famous personalities and decisions taken by government on key factors like export and import. People who invest in stock market; they get to know about the shares price.

6. Problems encountered and resources required:

In the beginning many students are struggled to read the English newspaper. Day by day practices changed their behavior and routinely follow the newspaper reading habit. Motivation and repeated counseling required for the students. Whenever students need motivation and counseling, we allotted one professional counselor, who gave some tips how to overcome from that obstacles.