Embracing Technology in the Classroom

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Agenda

- Flipping the classroom
- Apps and Web Resources
- Sharing ideas

What is a "flipped" classroom?

- The exact opposite of the historical method
 - Homework is done AT SCHOOL
 - Lecture is done AT HOME
- ▶ HOW?
 - Lectures posted online
 - Podcast
 - Original teacher-created video
 - Other relevant videos from the web

The Basics...

At HOME

- Students watch lectures
- Basic knowledge base is built

At SCHOOL

- Students complete homework with guidance
- Group projects are completed
- Questions are clarified
- Interaction increases

Why "flipping" makes sense

- HOMEWORK in the traditional setting
 - Problems/worksheets/questions/essays are completed at home
 - Students who have questions may pose them to parents
 - Parents were not at school for the lecture
 - Parents are often lost/too far removed from material
 - Students struggle with no resource
 - Homework is incomplete, copied from others, etc.

Why "flipping" makes sense

- LECTURE in the traditional setting
 - Classroom distractions
 - Material is presented once
 - No ability to pause, rewind, repeat
 - Absent students miss out
 - Parents are not present

The Flipped Classroom

- Paradigm Shift
- A significant change in structure to reflect the significant change in our world
- Hesitation/reservations are expected
- Student response is overwhelmingly positive
- Practice of skills and involvement increases
- Remediation becomes easier

When we "flip" the classroom...

At HOME

- Students can view/listen multiple times
- Parents can join

At SCHOOL

- The basics are out of the way
- Higher order skills take place in the room
- Teachers can spend class time interacting/guiding

The technology makes the classroom a MORE PERSONAL environment with MORE FACE TO FACE interaction.

Creating a lecture video

- One take
- Up close and personal
- Can use "paperslides"
- ▶ Short (5–10 minutes) is possible because
 - No review
 - No questions
 - No classroom management
 - It's like fast-forwarding through commercials!

Implementation

- At your comfort level
 - One class at a time...one unit at a time...
- Videos
 - Stored on site of choice (based on district guidelines)
 - Youtube
 - Schooltube
 - Google Docs

The results

- You lecture ONCE
- Students hear the lecture UNLIMITED times

Resources

- The Friday Institute for Educational Innovation
 - OUTSTANDING website
 - https://www.fi.ncsu.edu/project/fizz/
 - Do a Google search for Katie Gimbar to see a successful flip model in action
- Leaders in the field
 - Jonathan Bergmann and Aaron Sams
 - Book: Flip Your Classroom: Reach Every Student in Every Class Every Day

Apps and Web Resources

- Socrative
- Class Dojo
- Evernote
- Class Buddy
- Google Earth
- Kaka Flashcard
- Blackboard Mobile Learn (to be used with Blackboard CourseSites

- Search Apps with keywords
 - Sight words
 - Spelling
 - Phonics
 - Grammar

Web Resources

- Planbook
 - Online lesson plan book
 - Printable, reusable, available to students
 - Tutorials to help you get started
- QRStuff.com
 - Custom QR codes
 - Many educational applications

- StudyStack.com
 - Flashcards for students
 - Categorized by subject
 - Create your own flashcards
 - Links for other flashcard sites
- Quizlet.com

Web Resources

- Dipity
 - www.dipity.com
 - Timeline generator
 - Holds images, text, video

- Screenast-O-Matic
 - Record a lesson share with students
 - Students can record
 - No account needed

Web Resources

- www.myt4l.com
 - Rubric maker
 - Graphic organizer maker
 - Bibliography maker
- Blackboard CourseSites
- Webs.com

- Prezi
 - Zooming presentations
 - Create your own
 - Students can create
 - Search for saved
 Prezis to use in your instruction