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VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

A virtual learning environment (VLE) is an online platform used for educational purposes. It encapsulates all the online environments that act as supplements to the course, whether they are online courses, reading resources and informational sites with stand-alone skill assessments, or other forms of virtual learning. Another use for VLEs is to assist those students who are unable to work in traditional classrooms due to a particular set of challenges. It may be that they physically can't access the classroom, or that the classroom environment, for one reason or another, isn't able to support their needs.

- Teachers receive real-time data on the success (or lack thereof) of the students.
- Students communicate with their peers as well as their teacher.
- It allows students to submit work without having to find their teachers.
- It provides hubs for an infinite number of resources in the form of documents, worksheets and Power Points.
- Using a VLE, teachers can link students to other online pathways and embed videos from YouTube.

Teaching students digital citizenship is not only key to protecting them online. It also helps them navigate digital spaces and use online tools wisely. Remote learning environments also offer opportunities for educators to show students how to be good digital citizens. In school districts that use e-learning days, students rely on devices and the internet to learn, collaborate and communicate with teachers and their peers. But without having a proper understanding of appropriate practices around technology use, students may not know how to handle potential issues on the internet such as cyberbullying, misinformation and cyberthreats. Professional development is also crucial to effectively teaching digital citizenship and safety. Google for Education has training modules that teach educators to recognize potential phishing and other scams and guide them in showing students how to critically evaluate sources online.

1. BENEFITS OF A VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

ACCESSIBLE – virtual learning is accessible to anyone who has a computer, tablet or smartphone.

FLEXIBLE – virtual learning can usually take place at a time that is convenient for the student. There is no longer any need to be in a classroom at a specific time on a specific day.

AFFORDABLE – because you can learn from the comfort of your own home it means that there are no travel costs involved in virtual learning.

CONVENIENT – you can study at your own convenience which makes this type of learning preferable for those with young families, those with full time jobs and those who have other responsibilities that require input at specific times or places.

DISADVANTAGES

SELF-DISCIPLINE – it's essential that you have the motivation necessary to sit and do the course. This type of learning is more difficult for those who are prone to procrastination.

IMPERSONAL – because there is no actual human communication involved, the virtual environment can feel a little lonely.

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