



Nearpod: the Tool for Everyone



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What is Blended Learning?

Blended Learning is an opportunity to provide students with different resources from offline and online resources. This requires the students to have access to some type of 1:1 technology in the classroom. There are several different platforms that can be used for this type of learning in the classroom.

This includes:

- Brainpop

- Adobe Spark

And of course... NEARPOD!!!

Nearpod

- What is Nearpod?
 - Nearpod is an all-in-one solution for the synchronized use of Chromebooks in the classroom that makes lectures and discussions more engaging through interactive multimedia presentations.

What is Nearpod?

Click the image below to watch a short video on what Nearpod is about and explain how it can be used in the classroom:



How does Nearpod align with our Technology Policy?

We are in a transition period with technology to meet our 5 year plan.

We have just become 1:1 with Chromebooks in the last year.

We are trying different platforms to engage with all students to increase student achievement!

How is this supported?

Research shows how students appreciate receiving immediate feedback from instructors and being able to feel more engaged, especially in a larger class.

This is possible with the use of Nearpod in the classroom!

Key Benefits of Nearpod:

- Great and easy lessons in a library created by other teachers.
- Being able to take your own Powerpoint/Google Slides and create a lesson with questions for engagement from the student.
- You can see who is in the Nearpod and who leaves... We know this can be a struggle because some students who cannot participate without some type of distraction.
- This can be done in whole group or individual for review.

Target Population

- Dade Middle School has 502 students, with 75% of students being on free/reduced lunch.
- Every classroom has enough Chromebooks for every student to be 1:1 during the academic time of the day,
- Due to the location of students' homes, Internet is not always easily accessed due to rural conditions.
- This type of application can be used with any of the schools but we are piloting the program at the Middle School to get a good understanding of how teachers and students will perceive it in the classroom.

Objectives:

- The main idea of using Nearpod in the classroom is to increase student engagement and participation in the academic core areas.
- It will allow teachers to complete informal assessments on students to engage how they are really learning in a non-threatening environment.

Equipment and software

1. You need to have some type of technology either Chromebooks or Ipads. AT DMS, we have Chromebooks in the classroom.
2. It needs to be wireless and have internet access.
3. You do not need headphones unless you provide videos.
4. Nearpod has a free and a paid version. At DMS, we are using the paid (gold) version.



Cost of the Technology



- Nearpod has two versions: Free and Gold.
- There are free vouchers to try the gold before buying it.
- You have to contact the company to get a quote for your school.
- It works with several different applications, such as Google....
- And it just got combined with FLOCLARY!!!

Limitations

- Students and teachers need to have some type of training to be able to use Nearpod to meet the needs in the classroom.
- Teachers who are hesitant to learn any new type of technology.

How does Nearpod promote learning goals?

In Nearpod, you can either have the class complete the lesson together and the teacher controls the pace or you can allow the students to take the lesson at their own pace and provide opportunities for either extension activities or remediation based on your class make-up.

This allows us to be more of a facilitator of learning rather than just lecturing all the time to our students.

How can teachers use this technology in the classroom?

- You can create lessons for review or previewing any topic or subject.
- Teachers have to be willing to work and understand how to use the technology in the classroom.
- Students can create their own Nearpod for review in a flipped classroom.



How teachers can use this technology continued...

Nearpod is a great and easy tool to use in the classroom. It is very easy to add to and takeaway when creating a lesson. It is something that will help enhance your student's engagement, not make things harder for you.

* There are a ton of free lessons that can be used for your classrooms. If we decide to purchase this program then it will allows us to do so much more like collaborate with each other and experience virtual reality field trips with virtual headsets.

Communication/Collaboration

- Students can answer poll questions and other assessments in a easy and fun way.
- Teachers can work on projects together.
- It can be incorporated with several different applications such as FLocabulary and Google Classroom.
- This application meets several of the ISTE standards for students and teachers.
- These lessons can be applied either through Chromebooks or cellphones (depending on BYOD Policy).
- It's fun and engaging for the students.

Research Evaluation:

Nearpod shares how there are several ways that students with ELL services can improve learning aptitudes through this platform.

There are several case studies on the website that provides detail information on how it works in the classroom to promote student engagement.

[ELL Information](#)

Reflection

- This is a great website and I use it on a daily basis. It has been a positive impact on my students in the resource ELA setting.
- I am excited to see how this is going to be able to improve my colleagues' practice in the classroom.
- It is great to be able to see how technology can make learning for all.

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