



DIGITAL PEDAGOGY: EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS FOR
GENERATION Z

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Annotation: Today, the widespread integration of digital technologies into the field of education necessitates the renewal and improvement of teaching methodologies. Digital pedagogy is recognized as one of the most effective approaches for stimulating students' interest in the natural sciences, deepening their conceptual understanding, and reinforcing their knowledge.

A modern educator is no longer merely a transmitter of information, but also a mentor, guide, and motivator. This shift is especially crucial when working with today's students — the representatives of Generation Z, who possess an entirely different way of thinking. They have grown up in a technological environment, are accustomed to a constant flow of information, and prefer practical, hands-on approaches.

In such circumstances, the traditional “teacher speaks – student writes” model is losing its effectiveness. This situation compels educators to adopt new approaches and innovative methods.

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Annotation In the current era of advanced information technologies, the education system faces the challenge of engaging young learners in scientific inquiry and protecting them from the negative influence of various social media





platforms. To achieve this, lessons must be organized through interactive and engaging teaching methods that naturally increase students' interest in learning.

By implementing the educational process with the help of information and communication technologies (ICT), it is possible to achieve high educational outcomes.

For today's youth — not only school students but also those in preschool institutions — modern information technologies are no longer new. If we fail to teach young people how to use computer technologies properly, this may lead to both physical and psychological developmental issues.

This is because most students spend a considerable amount of their free time exposed to digital content, and many parents do not control or limit this process. As a result, children are increasingly influenced by inappropriate videos and online information, which can accelerate certain biological processes, cause irritability, aggression, and gradually diminish their interest in reading and writing.

This problem is not unique to one country — it is a global challenge, and many nations are currently working to develop effective strategies to address it.

The need to transition to an information-based society is characterized by:

- ☐ the formation of a new technological structure in the global economy,
- ☐ the transformation of information resources into a key factor of socio-economic development,
- ☐ growing demand for information products and services, and
- ☐ the enhancement of communication infrastructures in education, science, and culture.

In recent years, the advantages of e-learning over traditional education have become increasingly evident. When implementing instruction through modern ICT tools, one of the main requirements is that the lesson should be scientifically grounded, practical, problem-oriented, and sufficiently demonstrative.





Each concept, law, or process must be accompanied by clear examples and visual materials that reinforce students' understanding.

1. Begin Each Lesson with the Question “Why?”

Generation Z looks for meaning and relevance in what they learn. For them, understanding how a topic connects to real life and contributes to their future is essential. Implementation strategies:

- ☐ Start each topic with real-life examples.
- ☐ Show where and how it applies in practice.
- ☐ Define lesson goals collaboratively.
- ☐ Let students write their own learning objectives.

Example: In chemistry, the teacher may say, “Through this topic, you’ll understand substances used in medicine.” This links the subject to students’ real lives.

2. Short but Interactive Lessons

Generation Z’s attention span is short (8–10 seconds). Long, monotonous lectures don’t work. Implementation strategies:

- ☐ Change the lesson format every 10–15 minutes (video, quiz, group work).
- ☐ Include debates and discussions.
- ☐ Add physical activity (standing answers, moving).
- ☐ Use mini-projects for quick outcomes.

Example: In history, after 15 minutes of explanation, students watch a 5-minute video and discuss it.

3. Integrating Technology into Learning

Technology is natural for Generation Z — teachers must treat it as an ally. Implementation strategies:

- ☐ Use apps like Quizizz, Kahoot, Google Classroom, Mentimeter.
- ☐ Add videos from YouTube or TED-Ed.
- ☐ Run live quizzes via smartphones.





- ☐ Use virtual labs and 3D simulations.

Example: In biology, students can view a 3D heart surgery simulation and discuss it.

4. Experience-Based and Active Learning

Students remember what they do, not just hear. Implementation strategies:

- ☐ Project-Based Learning (PBL) – solve real problems.
- ☐ Use virtual simulations.
- ☐ Do group work and role-play.
- ☐ Focus on real-life challenges.

Example: In economics, students create a mini start-up project — plan, budget, marketing, and product pitch.

5. Personalized Learning

Every learner is different. Generation Z prefers flexible, individualized learning. Implementation strategies:

- ☐ Let students choose topics.
- ☐ Adapt content to their interests.
- ☐ Provide visual, auditory, and kinesthetic formats.
- ☐ Use Moodle or Canvas for self-paced learning.

Example: In literature, each student presents a book in their own style — essay, video, or story.

Conclusion

The methodology of teaching natural sciences not only defines the process but also builds principles to guide teachers in achieving success.

To work effectively with Generation Z, educators must have a modern mindset, creativity, and embrace technology. This generation is fast, creative, and practical — they value knowledge with real-world relevance.





If education fails to adapt to the changing world, it risks being left behind. Thus, aligning education with Generation Z's needs is not optional — it is vital for the future of learning.

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