



Distance Learning Video Response

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Summary

Question

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What does it look like to reinvent yourself as an educator?

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I will need to become more knowledgeable about using technology to reach out to students.

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Taking on the challenge of helping my students out in any way.

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Strengthen my technology skills

2 responses

As the part-time retired guy that coordinates the District Online Programs (keeps the passwords and programs up-to-date), the re-invention has already happened. I currently can work totally from home, and make it into my office at RMS on a very occasional basis. Currently, the programs that I am responsible for are able to be accessed by the students and parents and teachers with one exception. Study Island, BrainPop, and FitnessGram are internet-based and accessible. Scholastic programs (Reading Inventory and Reading Counts) cannot be accessed by teachers or students from home. I can administer the Scholastic Administration Module from home through a connection with the district network, but teachers and students cannot. I am also helping with placing data from the NWEA scores into PowerSchool and into Study Island. These tasks help teachers, parents and students move forward in Study Island with their learning modules, and view testing information in PowerSchool. I worked several years with the training of Richmond Teachers in the eMINTS program, giving training in the successful use of technology within the classrooms. This program developed teachers that could be successful in distance learning and the cohort teachers should find themselves working well with students that are learning from home. I trained teachers in the development and use of websites for classrooms, SmartBoard use by students and teachers, developing project-based lessons, and the use of data to drive learning initiatives. In my 43 years of work in the education profession, we have had many changes. I have moved from teaching science in a retrofitted classroom that had no water and only had a small chalk-board, to taking baby steps with RadioShack TRS-80 and Apple IIe computers, to Macs, to IBM desktops that only had 128mb of memory, to the movement to white-boards. I was the first to use a projector connected to my desktop computer in teaching students at RMS, and was also the first to take the leap to SmartBoards and interactive classroom sets of computers in the Richmond district. Change happens. Technology moves forward. It will be exciting to see how this current very rapid set of changes will play out for our students and teachers.

1 response

Honestly, this is a hard question because I am who I am. I love teaching and learning new things. I am constantly searching or looking for new ways, blogs, or people to learn from. I am a member of many different curriculum blogs that we teach and use and ones we don't use. I use and pull so much from those around the world to help me make my teaching more improved. Teaching is not the same day to day and I love that and the change that we can make with our learning. Learning is forever changing and the kids we teach. They are all different and finding ways to reach them is something I enjoy and watching them be successful. A teacher has to teach students that we need to have a growth mindset. Failure is part of learning. It is ok to fail but it is not ok to not learn, grow and improve from our failures. I am a huge believer in the power of "yet." We must continue to learn and grow in this same way as an educator. If my students are struggling we must figure out or reinvent a new strategy or method for that one student or group. That goes for online teaching as well. This has opened my eyes up to new things and ways to reach parents and students. I have found programs that I haven't used or had time to learn that I have used this time for. We must always be trying to reinvent ourselves to help our students be successful.

1 response

I've been in education for a long time, and there has been many changes during this time. I have always look at change as a learning situation for myself. I will admit that this Distance Learning has been difficult for me, but I am always up for a challenge and I love to display my creativity. Since I am not a regular educator I have felt overwhelmed and feel I have had some limitations. I have reached out in social media and made contact through that method. I have called families that teachers have worried about. I have had great communication with that method. Parents have called me back. I have a student that has lost a parent and have communicated by phone and a home visit. I've wanted to read a book to students on Facebook, but I don't know which ones I can legally read to them without permission from the author. I have shown websites to families also. I am on a counselor site that gives ideas for other counselors. I am learning about Zoom meetings and getting more comfortable with the different apps on a computer. I have had difficulty with getting my laptop where it needs to be for distance learning,, but am Improving everyday.

1 response

Reinventing myself as an educator means I am willing to open my mind to whatever steps I need to take to become the best educator I can be for the present circumstances. For example, during our current pandemic I stepped outside of my comfort zone and held Zoom meetings with my students, took videos of myself reading a book to my students, and shot a video with fellow teachers to our students. In order to complete these tasks I had to take some crash courses in new technology, but my efforts allowed me to stay in contact with and provide enrichment learning opportunities for my students. Reinvention means researching new innovative teaching methods and project-based learning activities in which students take the lead while I facilitate the learning taking place. Reinvention also means researching online learning platforms and deciding which offers my students the best resources for success, but being open to other's suggestions when they find comparable resources.

1 response

There could be various ways such as we should look at Ebooks for our students. So many use electronic resources for reading so having virtual books available for them to read (without a cost) is important. I can help with MoreNet when students have research papers or projects due. I have taught library science online before through the University of Missouri and I am well versed using Zoom as I have already proctored a Latin II exam through the University of Missouri using Zoom. I have also tutored students in our district before so I would be willing to assist other educators and students with subjects outside of Library Science. If Scholar Bowl is still a possible activity, I can use Canvas to provide my members with areas that they need to focus on and learn. Once again, Zoom can be used to coach them and review subject areas.

1 response

To reinvent myself means I will rethink past ways of doing things. I will be Willing to try new things. I am open to teaching with more technology. The technology will need to make sure we have training or the resources to use it. To take it past technology I see where Flexible time schedules, smaller groups could also be beneficial. I want to create more learning opportunities to inspire kids to learn more on their own. Not just answering a few questions on a worksheet, but connecting the learning to real life situations and lessons. In history that means helping students to see that history happened and that it continues to happen. That we are making history every day and have to learn from the experiences around us.

1 response

I have to become more technology savvy. Information for students becomes accessible through video instruction or downloadable powerpoints/documents. Confidential meetings with students and/or parents start happening via electronic methods instead of face-to-face. Continuous training and education on ethical and legal issues is necessary, especially with increased use of the internet. More collaboration meetings with colleagues, teachers, and administration may have to be through electronic means instead of in-person. Collaboration and professional development meetings are still important if we plan to work together to help the students and the district be successful.

1 response

Reinventing oneself as an educator means taking a look at the processes through which you teach. Are you standards based? Project based? Teaching to a test? And then saying is what I am doing working. Being honest and then finding areas of improvement no matter the answer. If the answer is yes great. Where are areas your teaching could be better? If no then you need to A) figure out what does work B) Identify WHY your way didn't work and why this does.C) look to colleagues and admin for valuable feedback and answers D) remember no "way" or "method" is perfect and to stay flexible in times of transition.

1 response

This has helped me find new ways to bring in educational activities into the students' home that will help reinforce the skills that I have been teaching to my students. My students like to play on the internet and play games, I found games that they can play but will also help develop those skills that they need help on. I have also found a way to access progress monitoring so that I can see what they still need to work on. I am excited about having my students use this website as it is something that I will continue to take with me and utilize even when we are back in the classroom.

1 response

During these times I would say that my role as a Social Worker in the school district would be to have check ins with families at their homes safely. I would be able to see the student/child and lay eyes on them and make sure they are safe. I could have regular contact with teachers and any students that may not be communicating with them, I could contact. If not able to reach via phone then I could make some house calls. Also if families are needing food or other assistance I would be able to try to help provide resources for those needs.

1 response

I am not a teacher but I see my role as the district nurse and building nurse changing. I see a lot more teaching to staff and students regarding safe practices and healthy choices. I see myself being more involved with administration planning and developing policies regarding pandemics and specifically the COVID-19. I hope to be included in many discussions and planning sessions where my expertise can be of benefit. Even with distance learning I could do videos of health and wellness and taking care of ourselves.

1 response

As the "new reality" continues to impact education as we know it, I am pushed to gain knowledge and experience in tele-therapy/practice and distance learning. The past few weeks have given me more opportunity for parent communication as well as parent coaching on a regular basis and helped remind me of the importance of parent knowledge and support. New skills gained in the area of remote learning during this pandemic will definitely benefit the support I provide students and parents in the future.

1 response

To reinvent myself as an educator I need to be able to create learning opportunities online, create opportunities for students to learn in physical education that uses their creativity. To be able to do this I will need to plan ahead of time and have these resources readily accessible for all students to access. Creating these opportunities and experiences for students to learn outside of the normal classroom setting will help students grow and learn on their own.

1 response

I honestly don't know! I'm not a teacher, but a coordinator, and I don't work directly with students. My main focus is seeing that we do what we're required by DESE to do. It's important for us to stay in contact with parents and understand and facilitate communication and participation that aids in their children's learning. School/parent/student contact and activities are paramount. What form those activities and that contact takes is unclear for me.

1 response

Reinventing yourself as an educator means constantly learning new practices and staying abreast of student needs and challenges, and technology innovations. Being aware of, and knowing how to implement new teaching strategies that meet students where they are and understanding how to navigate the unique challenges related to implementing new teaching techniques are integral to becoming a better educator, over and over again.

1 response

A reinvented educator is a versatile educator, one who is willing to work outside the landscape of a traditional classroom. Today's educator must be able to adapt to students' needs in a digital world but also be compassionate and understanding to those students who may need more traditional methods due to a lack of resources. I think differentiated instruction is key to reinventing myself as an educator.

1 response

Reinventing myself as an educator means finding new and meaningful ways to connect to my students even if we do have to be apart right now. It means going that "extra mile" (even more so than usual) to make parents feel understood and supported. It means constant collaboration with my colleagues in order to grow professionally and find other ways of presenting information that I may not have considered.

1 response

Reinventing myself as an educator means I have learned and continue to learn how to better communicate with the parents of students. I have found simple, inexpensive ways to provide hands-on resources for students to use during our daily class Zoom meetings. I have learned created better ways to review, reteach, encourage and challenge my preschoolers to grow even though we cannot be together.

1 response

To reinvent myself as an educator is to realize that education can happen anywhere with any and all materials. Embracing technology, finding ways to stay ahead of the trend. It means getting comfortable with the uncomfortable. We have to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone and adapt to the changes. It's all new to us but I think we are headed in the right direction.

1 response

I must not only change, but I must be excited and visionary for the change to be effective. Creativity vs. complacency; renewed energy vs. repetition; finding new and different ways to share information and engage children. As an educator, what I have done for my entire career isn't necessarily bad; it has now just changed. Life changes. I must transform.

1 response

I believe to reinventing myself as an educator requires thinking outside of the box to develop ways for all students to access appropriate curriculum. Sitting back and waiting for things to return to "normal" isn't really an option. Collaboration with other educators is essential as we navigate new and innovative ways to reach and teach our students.

1 response

I will need to find a means to connect with students, keep open communication, and teach to a level that is engaging for all learners using more stream lined services, via online. I am personal when I teach, so I would need to reinvent that personal touch with lessons through video chats or some other means of communication as much as possible.

1 response

As it pertains to the current state of the world it forces me to be better with technology. I must find a way to connect with students in a virtual world. There will never be a substitution to building relationships face to

face. However, now we need to find ways to build those relationships through the internet and a device.

1 response

To be open-minded to new ways of doing things. To adapt to the situation and circumstances we find ourselves in now. To continuously seek and strive to provide the best education I can to our students in whatever ways available; from packets to online gatherings, to finding resources available to use and send home, etc.

1 response

We have to find and use new, or at least, unfamiliar, ways to meet the needs of our students. Rather than lamenting over the problems, we adjust, with an attitude of determination and optimism, to the needs at hand with the resources available to us. We explore, evaluate, and implement the best tools we can find.

1 response

To reinvent myself as an educator, I've had to look to find different ways to keep students engaged. Through a screen has been difficult. Trying to find ways to implement new teaching techniques digitally, while also keeping their interest and engagement has been a huge goal of mine and will continue to be.

1 response

It means finding ways to reach your students when not inside the classroom. Learning new technologies and teaching in nontraditional ways. It also means to show students ways to learn outside of the traditional classroom setting, doing math in sidewalk chalk or doing science experiments in their kitchen.

1 response

It will take some time and courage to step away from what we are used to doing/ have been taught to do in school. We will have to embrace the change and look for innovative ways to connect with kids. I think we need to have grace and know that not everything is going to be perfect right off the bat.

1 response

This means that we meet the needs of our students, no matter what that looks like. We take what we have done successfully in the past, and apply it to the "new" future. We always keep in mind and work toward the fact that we want students to be successful, and aid in any way that we can.

1 response

Tackling a new way to present materials and ensure that students are understanding materials and concepts even when learning through online learning. Developing a way to connect with students who don't have online access. Lack of knowledge in technology to present materials.

1 response

Taking this opportunity to use this time to develop skills that adapts to the new age of learning and modern day technology. Trying to find things that will work well, how to fix things that do not work well and making it beneficial and accessible for everyone.

1 response

"Reinvention" is a misnomer. Finding ways to be effective in new situations while staying true to what type of educator you are is important. Flexibility and creative problem solving do not require you to change anything about what type of educator you are.

1 response

If face to face teaching is no longer allowed I'd reinvent myself by the use of technology. I'd be willing learn and grow as an educator as the times and circumstances change. If you don't change you'll be left behind, I will not be left behind.

1 response

I've had to reinvent myself as an educator by researching and learning how I will now teach/review my students from afar. I'm Learning about new apps, new ways to communicate, and new resources for me and my students.

1 response

To reinvent myself as an educator, I am looking to determine what it is going to look like to teach from my house. I am also looking into some of the best ways to get curriculum to students through an online platform.

1 response

To adapt to our current environment by finding a way to serve students with special needs without direct contact. I will need to deliver differentiated materials to each student I serve so they can access FAPE.

1 response

I think continuing to lead by example, and explore new techniques with students as they become available. I will also continue to study distance learning strategies so that I am able to be effective if/when

1 response

Intimidating, challenging, yet necessary. By any means necessary our children need to be reached, and our online resources and educator training for them are an absolute must in today's world.

1 response

Change how things happen/how you accomplish the goals of educating our future citizens to fit into the ever changing world. Not change yourself just how you deliver and accomplish your goals.

1 response

As an educator, I tried to provide helpful information to my parents/students on-line in addition to providing printed information for those families without access to online resources.

1 response

Come up with ways to teach my students remotely, with accommodations and modifications for their individual IEP plans. How to implement more technology into my classroom lessons.

1 response

It involves a willingness to transition from the traditional approach to teaching, into whatever strategy that best accommodates the students during these difficult times.

1 response

Being able to think outside the box and not focus on what you have always done before. Trying new things and demanding more from yourself and oftentimes your students too.

1 response

Reinventing myself as an educator means discovering new and different ways to reach students regardless of where or how it happens and what resources are available.

1 response

Reinventing myself as an educator looks like developing a variety of strategies and ways to meet the needs of my students no matter what their capabilities are.

1 response

Be willing to change the way you teach. Change your expectations, not lower them, but simply open to change what and how we expect students to learn

1 response

I do not think I will be reinventing myself as an educator. I will be inventing new ways to communicate with students. I'm up to the challenge!

1 response

I will have to adapt to a different delivery system at times. My communication and organizational skills will become even more valuable.

1 response

Being able to adapt to whatever changes are thrown at you. To keep the idea of teaching students a priority no matter what it looks like.

1 response

Being open to change in this ever changing environment. Being willing to try thing outside my comfort zone for the good of my students.

1 response

We have to acknowledge that we can do the same job, but not in the same way. We will have to do what we do in a different manner.

1 response

Being flexible and understanding that just because things have always been done a certain way, doesn't mean it's the best way.

1 response

Being more adept in technology, making connections with students when you can't be in person, look for new learning techniques

1 response

Learning to educate in new and innovative ways that meet the needs of your students and the ever changing world around us

1 response

Trying to find the best way to educate and engage my students, based on the situation that presents itself at the time.

1 response

The creativity will have to be huge. Right now, I don't know what that looks like, but I have an idea what to look for.

1 response

Reinventing myself as an educator would look like me making the necessary changes for the betterment of my teaching.

1 response

Incorporating technology, such as social media (facebook) within parent communication and lesson planning.

1 response

Adapting to and accepting change. Keeping a growth (or infinite as the video mentioned) mindset.

1 response

Online read alouds with questions for students and explaining words that they don't understand.

1 response

Think outside the box using flexibility in order to meet the needs of each individual student.

1 response

To try new and unfamiliar ways to reach my students by staying a step ahead in technology.

1 response

We have to change with what is going on around us. Have faith and not fear. Less anxiety.

1 response

You have to be able to teach a class online and not in a classroom like we are used to.

1 response

I am no longer in the classroom but as an administrator, it has been a learning curve.

1 response

Finding new ways to connect with students, while still providing quality instruction.

1 response

Embracing change with infinite thinking instead of being a reluctant finite thinker.

1 response

Accept change and find new (and improved) ways to educate in a different format.

1 response

We will need to change our way of teaching and reinvent our teaching styles.

1 response

Learn how to connect and teach my students in a technologically based world.

1 response

Better ways to teach online and the training so I feel comfortable with it.

1 response

To be flexible with how learning opportunities are presented to students.

1 response

To turn my classroom into a virtual classroom through the zoom platform.

1 response

being able to adjust to different ways of teaching/educating students

1 response

Keeping up on new practices and strategies to help all students

1 response

To be able to teach using new technologies and differentiation

1 response

I'm not sure yet. Willingness to step out of the box for sure.

1 response

Finding a path to reach my students in spite of challenges

1 response

Look toward doing things you haven't previously been doing

1 response

Embracing change. Trying new things. Receiving training.

1 response

Creating a position to do my job in a different way.

1 response

Frustrating with lack of technology in the district

1 response

Stepping out of your comfort zone with technology

1 response

The tools to make it possible and then do it.

1 response

Be willing to change and grow as need arises.

1 response

Change with the times, and teach the material

1 response

figuring out another way to teach students

1 response

Be able to teach online classes

1 response

It looks very exciting !

1 response

Changing with the times!

1 response

Being open to change.

1 response

Being more creative.

1 response

Trying new things.

1 response

Using technology

1 response

Technology based

1 response

Zoom meetings

1 response

