

Introduction to TeacherTube

TeacherTube is an online community where educators upload and share various educational digital media. Digital media supported on TeacherTube are videos, audios, photo, documents and blogs. Videos uploaded on TeacherTube address specific learning objective and/or add to the professional development of users. TeacherTube, therefore, allows teachers to flip their traditional classroom to a digital classroom and have more connection with their students who already have established presence on social media. Also, it helps to bridge the teacher/parent communication gap as parents can keep abreast of their children's learning on TeacherTube. Users who has a learning need search for and use the videos etc. on TeacherTube to satisfy their need and development themselves.

TeacherTube community member can:

- Upload and share educational videos, lesson plan videos, student works such as projects, classroom presentations, etc.
- Create TeacherTube classroom where they create a Course, Lesson and quiz for their students
- Upload supporting documents such as lesson activities, lesson plans, assessments, notes etc.
- Browse videos already uploaded by other members on different topics
- Create or join video groups with people of similar interest
- Subscribe to members videos
- Embed TeacherTube videos on websites

A non-TeacherTube member can browse TeacherTube videos but cannot upload and share digital media. The same thing applies to someone signing up as parents. Parents can only view their children's works but are not able to post nor take courses.

The site is therefore, good for teachers, students, home-learners in a formal and informal environment.

Digital Literacy Needed

Digital literacy simply means “the ability to find, evaluate, utilise, share and create content using information technologies and internet” (Digitalliteracy.cornell.edu, 2017) which includes TeacherTube. Hence, users of TeacherTube will need the following digital literacies:

- Navigation skill.
- The ability to use the search button and find information.
- The ability to create a digital content (i.e. video, audio, documents).
- The ability to upload and share content on the internet.
- The ability to adhere to ethical and legal responsibility while accessing and using published content as well as while creating, uploading and sharing content.

In the barest minimum, a user of TeacherTube will need the first 2 points mentioned above.

Reference

Digitalliteracy.cornell.edu. Cornell University - Digital Literacy Resource.
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