

## Assignment #2: Brief Philosophy of ET: Crystal Pullman, 39987086

The purpose of educational technology, or technology in education, is to more easily facilitate student learning. As students become more familiar with technology, they find it easier to interact and learn with that technology than without it. The purpose of technology in education is also to prepare students for the working world, where technology is becoming ever more prevalent. The purpose of education is to prepare students for their lives as adults; to make them into good citizens and skilled workers, capable of overcoming the obstacles that come their way. In order to fully prepare them the school system needs incorporate technology into education so that students are able to become familiar with it as a tool that they can use to achieve their goals.

Technology has value and purpose in addition to preparing students for their future lives and careers; it can remove the disadvantages faced by those students who are differently abled. Students that are blind can use technology to allow them to access the same reading materials (the text is scanned into a computer and read to the student by a program such as Adobe reader or JAWS). Students with writing impairments such as dyslexia can use electronic typewriters or computers in the classroom. Students with ADD/ADHD can use noise-cancelling headphones to complete work and tests. Using technology such as a SMARTBoard also allows teachers to easily increase font size, change fonts, and more to make it easier for the visually impaired. SMARTBoards also allow students to put their answers on the board, and easily change them, without releasing chalk dust into the air, making the classroom safer for students with breathing impairments such as asthma.

My theory of teaching technology is that technology is about equalizing the educational field so that all students may learn, participate, and, most of all, enjoy learning so that they can become lifelong learners. Technology has many applications in today's global village for every student. I believe that we should encourage students to use technology in their lives, and teach them how to use it effectively to achieve their goals. Technology is a mainstay of modern culture and is ever evolving into newer, faster forms. North America, and the world, has become technology-dependent, and as technology is 'here to stay' to quote a cliché, we need to teach our students about it and its various forms and uses.

