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Trends in educational technology

New technologies are an endless resource of educational content. From eLearning, to online libraries, to mass media, education tools are just a click away.

As we have seen in recent months, technology is now an indispensable tool for the educational sector. This happens not only for and during the **coronavirus emergency**. The possibilities that new technologies offer in this field are endless. What are the main educational trends in recent years?

1. eLearning

No wonder eLearning is at the forefront of educational trends. As we already mentioned in this article, learning does not begin and end at school. In addition to providing more egalitarian access to different content, for example to those with some kind of **disability**, makes learning more engaging and interactive. Children often need something that arouses their curiosity and allows them to **learn while having fun**.

2. Online learning

More and more **universities** or **educational institutions** that decide to become "virtual". So-called "**virtual education**" is provided by organisations and institutions that often specialise in certain subjects. From social sciences to science subjects, it is possible to follow real training courses that give the possibility of obtaining certificates, diplomas and even degrees.

3. Digital devices for learning

Digital devices, from laptops to tablets to ebook readers, are very useful tools to **facilitate students' learning** but also to **reduce costs**. If you have children, you know how much books can cost for school or university. In many cases, the internet allows you to spend less and use the resources on different electronic devices now present in all homes.

4. Online libraries

Speaking of books and journals useful for study, there are more and more online libraries. Both websites and public libraries offer a wide range of free or reduced-price content that can be downloaded to the **ebook** reader or, for example, in PDF format. Subscriptions to specialist journals are also becoming less expensive thanks to new technologies.

5. Media

Although we have been used to the **TV and radio** company for decades, in reality, these media are also adapting to new needs by creating, for example, ad hoc channels for information, from documentaries to in-depth programmes. Finally, let us not forget the importance that **streaming** services are assuming, which allow access not only to entertainment but also to more educational content.

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