

INNOVATIVE TEACING STRATEGY

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

In the year 2019 experiential learning was introduced in Lakshya Universal Academy. The teachers were oriented on the experiential learning strategy and its importance and benefits. The teachers found the strategy very effective and the students enjoyed the learning process. It gave them a chance to get hands on experience on the activities and concepts learnt.

What Is Experiential Learning?

Experiential learning is the application of theory and academic content to real-world experiences, either within the classroom, within the community, or within the workplace, which advances program or course-based learning outcomes that are specifically focused on employability skills. Experiential learning requires the student to not only engage in the experience activity, but also requires them to reflect upon their learning and how their skills learned through their academic studies can be applied beyond the classroom. Workplace experiences such as co-op and internships placements are only one form of experiential learning opportunities that can be provided to students. Such opportunities are typically divided into three categories – course focused, community focused, and work focused – giving students hands-on experiences not only in the classroom, but also in the community and the workplace.

Experiential Education:

- Combines direct experience with focused reflection;
- Builds on past knowledge and experiences;
- Requires active involvement in meaning construction;
- Encourages collaboration and exchange of ideas and perspectives;
- Can be course focused or in-class, community focused, or work focused.