

Top Ten Uses for QR codes in instruction



How to engage students in their own learning



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10: Homework Wall

- Tired of taking up loads of wall space in the classroom to write down the homework assignments for the week or month?
- One alternative is to post a QR code for the day/week/month and the students can download their homework assignments onto their phones.





9: Syllabus information

- Is your syllabus getting to be more than three pages? Or do you want to include information but don't put it in to save space?
- You could put in QR codes that link students/parents to this information (i.e. your CV or resume or contact information...)





8: Extra Practice/Instruction

- QR codes could be imbedded in notes or daily homework for students to access more information/practice on a concept. They could be linked to Khan Academy (or similar content) for a different view of a concept or more practice.





7: Incentive/Praise Stickers

- Students love to get stickers on their papers. You can use QR codes to attach a “sticker” to their graded work. These “stickers” can be praise or can ask students to see you for help. Getting students who are great artists to create these is another way to involve students in their own learning.





6: Classroom Posters

- You or your students can create posters that can be attached to the wall. Information (videos, websites, documents, etc.) can be imbedded in the posters using QR codes. Students could be assigned or encouraged to upload this information for research, extra credit, assignments...



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loved her modifiers.



5: Feedback from quizzes tests

- Tired of writing the same thing on tests and quizzes as you grade only to find these papers on the floor when you hand them back? You could use QR codes to give students feedback. You only need to do it once for every question on the quiz or test! Students can access the information online and get necessary feedback.





4: Differentiated Instruction

- With QR codes you can assign different students different assignments. You just tell them code A or code B or code C, making the selection look random but it is not. Each student can then work at the appropriate level for their own development.



3: Treasure Hunt

- Tired of work sheeting your students to death? But you want them to practice a skill? You could post posters around the room with QR codes. The students download the problem, work the problem, find the answer on another poster in the room. Then repeat the process. The answer key is just an order of the problems worked.





2: Insert into spreadsheets or PowerPoints

- If you want students to look at a video or go to a webpage but you don't want to take the class time for them to do this, you can embed the information into a PowerPoint using a QR code. Then the students can do this on their own time.



1: Poll Class

- Google forms



- Plicker



More Ideas

- Take attendance
- Daily agendas
- Play games
- Do research

