Flipping Your Classroom: Going beyond the walls of the classroom

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Flipped Teaching has received a lot of press lately. Most educators understand flipped teaching as students watching videos at home and completing homework during class time. What is missed, in most cases, is the real change that happens in a flipped classroom: students having control over their own learning. When content is free and accessible to students anywhere and anytime via the internet, how do we flip the instruction in our classroom to take advantage of anywhere anytime learning? The flipped approach is not about watching videos, it is about teaching students the skill of finding information on their own and then bringing that information to class to have deep, meaningful discussions with classmates and the instructor. This workshop will discuss the pedagogy behind the flipped approach along with examples of how teachers are flipping their classrooms to take advantage of the web and the resources it has to offer. The flipped classroom is more than just doing homework for classwork and classwork for homework. It focuses on a new skill set that every student needs to be successful in the world today and empowers students to learn on their own and from multiple sources.

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