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Trends and Issues in today's schools

- 1. Millennials: Reaching the “net generation”.
- 2. Learning Styles, Modalities and Multiple Intelligences
- 3. Authentic Assessment and Rubrics
- 4. Teaching Critical Thinking
- 5. Brain-Based Education
- 6. Standards based Education and Conceptual Curriculums.
- 7. At Risk Kids in the 21st Century

Comments:

- As an educator with 35 years experience, I've seen everything come and go with time. Children have seemed to have survived school regardless of the curriculum or the teacher they had.
- Today, we are at a crossroads where schools are changing, accountability has increased, performance standards are the norm, and our consumer base is demanding, both parents and students.

Comments continued:

- We will look at the Millennial generation as well as current research that addresses the concerns of teaching this generation. We need to know how to minister to this computer-raised generation regarding how they learn best, their styles, their modalities, their uniqueness.
- Brain-based education and differentiated learning are current “buzz” words in education and are affecting the classroom dynamics. We need to know how we might teach these highly critical students how to think well biblically as well as meet the set accountability standards in a creative and meaningful way.

Further Comments:

- Schools are changing, Churches are changing, jobs are changing, society is changing, families are changing and students are changing.
- We are in the midst of one of the biggest paradigm shifts that this culture has ever known. Technology is driving much of this change as well as creating a generation that is technologically dependent for communication, relationships, recreation, education and yes, even for sin.

Final Comments:

- The Christian school is at a crossroads and needs to look at current research and decide what it is going to do in light of all these changes. Choices will have to be made and the 7 last words of the Church and Christian school “we’ve never done it that way before” have to be re-evaluated and re-thought in order for the Christian school and Christian education to survive these changes.