

This learning guide is designed for use by Professional Learning Communities, learning coaches and teacher leaders or as a self-paced study to explore how technology can support student success.

Is reading the only way to access information?

This conversation guide is intended to be used after viewing the video clip, **Is reading the only way to access information?**



General synopsis

In this brief video, author and researcher Dr. Dave Edyburn discusses the increasing use of multimedia to access information.

Key understandings

- In the past the most efficient, independent way to learn was mastering reading.
- Today, many young people enjoy accessing video and other forms of multi-media.
- It's also common today for young people to access both traditional print (e.g. newspapers and magazines) and digital content.
- Easy access to multi-media is challenging the idea that reading is the only way to learn.

Questions for reflection and discussion

- Will reading continue to be the foundation for learning in the future? Why or why not?
- How can teachers be better prepared to support student use of technology and digital resources for learning?
- If students are accessing information from multi-media, does it necessarily follow that students should be able to demonstrate their learning through multi-media?
- How important is it for students to be able to move back and forth from traditional print formats to multi-media formats?

Links to the *Learning and Technology Policy Framework*

**Policy Direction 1:
Student-Centred
Learning**




<http://education.alberta.ca/admin/technology/policyframework/policy3.aspx>

**Policy Direction 3:
Professional
Learning**



<http://education.alberta.ca/admin/technology/policyframework/policy1.aspx>

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