

Lesson Plan: Entrepreneurship in Gaming

Objective: Students will understand how to apply entrepreneurship skills in the context of competitive video gaming.

Lesson Motto(s):

"Life is a game."

Materials Needed:

Nintendo Switch consoles Copies of the latest Mario Party game Whiteboard/Marker for explanations and discussions Projection screen or television to display gameplay

Lesson Outline:

Warm-up (5 minutes):

Ask students what they know about entrepreneurship and video games. Briefly discuss how the two are related (e.g., game development, streaming, eSports, etc.)

Introduction (5 minutes):

Explain the objective of the day's lesson.

Discuss the connection between entrepreneurship and video games, highlighting concepts such as strategy, risk-taking, competition, teamwork, and innovation.

Instructional Activity (10 minutes):

- 1. Present a brief lecture about the core concepts of entrepreneurship:
- Idea Generation
- Market Research

- Planning
- Execution
- Evaluation
- For each concept, provide a specific example of how it applies in the gaming world. For example, the idea of creating a winning strategy in a game (Idea Generation), understanding the game mechanics and opponents' strategies (Market Research), developing a detailed game plan (Planning), implementing the plan in the game (Execution), and adjusting strategy based on game results (Evaluation).

Practical Activity (5 minutes):

- 1. Break students into teams of 3 or 4 and assign each team a Nintendo Switch console.
- 2. Introduce the Mario Party game and discuss its mechanics, specifically focusing on how entrepreneurship concepts are applied.
- 3. Encourage each team to discuss and come up with a strategy for winning, emphasizing the use of entrepreneurial thinking.

Culminating Tournament (10 minutes):

- 1. Host a tournament where each team competes in Mario Party mini-games.
- 2. Let the students apply their strategies and entrepreneurial thinking to the gameplay. This will reinforce the concepts taught.
- 3. Allow the students to adjust their strategies after each round (emphasizing the entrepreneurship concept of 'Evaluation').

Wrap-up (5 minutes):

- 1. Debrief the tournament, discussing how each team applied the entrepreneurship concepts to their gameplay strategies.
- 2. Highlight the importance of entrepreneurial skills in various aspects of life, including gaming.
- 3. Encourage students to consider how they can apply these skills to their own passions, interests, and potential future careers in gaming or other sectors.

Post Wrap-up (30-45 minutes):

1. Free-play / tournament gaming sessions.

(If Needed) Homework/Extended Learning:

Assign students to watch or play a game of their choice and identify how they could apply the entrepreneurship concepts learned in class. Have them prepare a short presentation or write-up about their findings for the next session.

This lesson will allow students to have a hands-on experience of entrepreneurship in a fun and engaging way. The combination of entrepreneurship and video gaming in the lesson will enhance their understanding of these two fields and stimulate their creativity and strategic thinking.