Authentic Assessment and Digital Student Portfolios

Realizing the Power of Shared Learning

Highlights

- Increases student engagement through owning and showcasing their learning

- Enhances teacher's ability to change teaching and assessment practices

- Parents become more engaged in their child's learning.

Digital student portfolios can be used to connect students, parents, and teachers to a student's learning in authentic, meaningful and productive ways. As the need to maintain a portfolio for each student increases across the country, districts are looking for not only what digital tool will meet their needs, but how to implement the portfolio tool to support assessment as, for and of learning.

Teachers, Students and Parents become Collaborative Partners on the Learning Journey

IBM K-12 Education Consultants are familiar with the most common digital portfolio tools being used by districts in Canada and are assisting districts with developing plans to implement these tools to meet provincial requirements for student portfolios and to support effective assessment practices. These practices are helping teachers to personalize the learning and more deeply engage students and parents in the student's success.

Transforming Assessment Practices

IBM K-12 consultants will help the district develop their digital portfolio strategy and guide the implementation in terms of professional learning, communication and assessment of the impact of the initiative on teachers, students and parents.

- Digital Student Portfolio Strategy Development
  Working with the district, IBM K-12 Education Consultants will develop grade appropriate strategies for implementing digital portfolio solutions that will:

  ◦ Allow students to document and share their learning with their teachers, parents, peers and the world

  ◦ Allow teachers and parents to comment and collaborate on a student's work
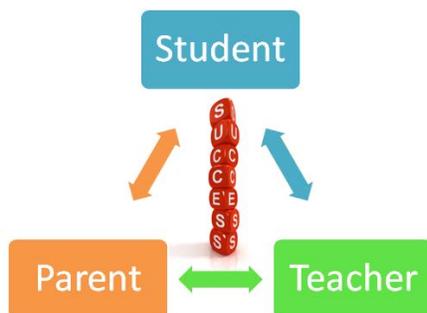
- Provide students and teachers with authentic assessment As and For Learning opportunities

- Transform current assessment practices, exploring how this could replace traditional report card cycles with up-to-date information for the teacher, parent and student that will inform them of student progress, identify areas of success and those requiring additional focus and/or support

- Allow individual needs to be responded to faster with parents, students and teachers collaborating on the learning plan

- Implementation Plan Development
  Working with the district, IBM K-12 Education Consultants will develop an implementation plan to identify key activities that are essential to the successful implementation and adoption of the digital portfolio solution. This could include:

  - Creation of the rollout plan and identification of key rollout milestones

  - Creation of a communication plan

  - Identification of milestones and the development of an assessment plan for continuous process improvement.

  - Creation of a professional learning plan

Implementation Plan Execution
IBM K-12 Education Consultants are available to assist the district with the execution of some or all of the components of the implementation plan described above

Typical Length of Engagement:

Digital Student Portfolio Strategy Development: 8 - 10 weeks

Implementation Plan Development: 4 - 6 weeks

Implementation Plan Execution: TBD
(depending upon the scope of IBM's involvement in the delivery of the implementation components and the scale of the implementation)

Why IBM?

We have the understanding and experience to help you create your digital portfolio strategy and align it to the essential assessment practices and pedagogy you are focusing on in your district. Our highly qualified IBM K-12 Education Consultants have the skills, insights and experience to help you build, implement and assess the success of this plan. Our best practices from prior projects give us the insight to identify issues and build strategies for a thriving implementation.

For more information

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