

Scholantis Portal Optimization



Realizing the Educational Value from Strategic Digital Investments

Highlights

- Analyse current usage of classroom tools, and identify any roadblocks to a successful initiative
 - Refresh or create an implementation plan
 - Increase usage of Student e-portfolio from Kindergarten through to Grade 12
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Your district is implementing Scholantis' websites and portal technology, which has the potential to positively impact the student learning environment. You know that a comprehensive communication plan along with a professional learning plan are required for a sustained, and targeted approach to ensure that staff and students embrace the portal and realize these benefits.

Your decision to purchase Scholantis was a good one. However, to ensure success, a comprehensive implementation plan is essential. This requires expertise and resources to communicate to staff the advantages of this new technology and deliver timely professional learning suitable for staff at all levels of comfort and ability.

Here is how we can help.

Step One: Measure Adoption and Effective Usage

The Measurement Phase considers the components essential to effectively using the portal. Without this analysis, hidden perceptions, barriers and roadblocks may delay the success of the initiative. As part of this assessment, surveys, interviews and focus group sessions are held with key stakeholders (students, principals, parents, and district staff). Usage statistics are also obtained from Scholantis to further explore effective use and adoption.

Understanding these patterns will uncover what steps need to be taken to increase adoption and effective use.

Step Two: Refreshing the Implementation Plan

The websites and portal acquisition decision is often one led by the IT department. However, the Scholantis portal solution seamlessly embeds exceptional tools which can significantly enhance the teaching and learning experience for teacher and students.



These tools include:

- 1) **Blended Learning Sites** integrated with your Student Information System, that allow your teachers to communicate with students and parents.
- 2) **Assignment tools** where teachers can assign work that students can complete on any device. Teachers can then provide timely, descriptive feedback in real time.
- 3) **Student Blogging** tools that allow students to do personal and peer reflection in a secure environment.
- 4) Enhanced **document collaboration** using the Microsoft suite right in the browser, on any device.
- 5) An online **Student Portfolio** that follows students all the way from K to 12. Teachers and Students can contribute and comment on evidence of the students' learning.

Working with your district curriculum team, IBM K-12 Education Consultants will develop an implementation plan to identify key activities that are essential to the successful implementation and adoption of your portal solution in the area of teaching and learning. This could include:

- Co-creation of a communication plan to create interest and excitement amongst staff
- Co-creation of a professional learning plan for administrators and teaching staff
- Identification of milestones and the development of an assessment plan for continuous process improvement.

Step Three: Helping to Use Technology Effectively

Our K-12 Education Consultants have extensive experience working with Canadian school districts to build teacher and administrator capacity in embracing and embedding technology to enhance the educational experience. As trained educators, with years of experience in our classrooms, our consultants apply best practices in adult learning and curriculum design through knowledgeable and up-to-date insight into teaching and learning with technology. Our consultants will plan and/or provide professional learning experiences to help move your district forward using Scholantis and collaborative teacher/student tools creatively and effectively in their teaching practice.

In addition to skills and processes in the area of assessment, our consultants are also experienced in change management processes. This enables them to help your stakeholder groups move through the stages of change associated with new initiatives.

Step Four: Assessment of the Impact and Adjusting the Plan

We focus on monitoring subjective indicators of success such as stakeholder perceptions and beliefs, as well as objective success criteria such as portal usage stats. In our consulting practice, these tools are in constant use as you move through the change initiative to ensure that the division can create continuous improvement processes and drive the most benefit from your investment in your Scholantis portal.

Why IBM?

IBM K-12 Educational Consultants have deep experience across the country and apply their knowledge of best practices in planning, adult learning, assessment and curriculum design into teaching and learning with technology. We can help your organization clearly articulate your goals and take action to achieve them.

For more information

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