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Proposal to Adopt Quizlet Teacher at Teasley Middle School Yr. 2020

Quizlet Teacher and CCSD's Blueprint for Technology Use

Though this presentation you will see that Quizlet Teacher aligns with CCSD's Vision for Technology.

"We deliver strategic and purposeful access to 21st -century tools so students and staff can become invested in utilizing technology to collaborate, gather and use information to enhance teaching and learning." (Cherokee County School District 2020, p. 1)

Quizlet Teacher and CCSD's Blueprint for Technology Use Cont'd

CCSD has adopted the ISTE Standards for students and teachers. Quizlet Teacher will enable technology to be integrated in the modern classroom to engage students:

- Share and Edit enriched Quizlets with peers
- Incorporate audio, images and diagrams
- Track student use and progression to motivate learning

"These standards are designed to deepen teacher practice, promote collaboration with peers, challenge teachers to rethink traditional approaches and prepare students to drive their own learning" (Cherokee County School District 2020, p. 4)

What is Quizlet Teacher?

Quizlet Teacher gives teachers more tools to personalize and engage students with features not in the free Quizlet:

- Track student progress
- Customize images and audio
- Create detailed diagrams
- Adapt Quizlet Live
- Organized Classes
- Rich text formatting (bold, italics, underline)

Track Student Progress

Teachers can see how each student in their classes are doing learning the content. Will allow for:

- Student focused instruction
- Personalized learning
- Higher levels of student achievement
- Differentiated delivery and content

"To help them master higher order skills more quickly and easily, students must have what Gangė (1982) and Bloom (1986) call automaticity, or automatic recall of lower order prerequisite skills." (Roblyer & Hughes, p. 161)

Customize Images and Audio

Teacher can choose what images they want and are not limited to what Quizlet has as well as record their own audio. This will benefit students because the teacher can:

- Control the Content
- Ensure instruction is meaningful and purposeful
- Meet special needs
- Keep learner engagement

"Software features can impact engagement through a range of elements including behavioral, emotional, cognitive, assessment, and instructional." (Roblyer & Hughes, p. 158)

Create Detailed Diagrams

Teachers can create diagrams for students to identify different parts of the whole. This can be used with:

- Maps
- Cells
- Parts of a writing
- Math shapes and graphs

"Diagrams offer a way for your classroom to visually conceptualize the material and engage with it in a way that isn't necessary possible with lecture alone." (Lister 2017)

Adapt Quizlet Live

Quizlet Live allows for students to collaborate with each other to answer questions. Teacher can gain more control and adapt the live session to:

- Create custom heterogeneous teams
- Use audio for read aloud
- Change Quizlet Set without changing groups*
 - *Will help with Social Distancing from Covid-19

"Below-grade-level students have the opportunity to follow the lead of their more capable peers picking up things they may not learn from you. More gifted students can benefit by requiring them to step up and assume a leadership role within their group." (Mugabi 2019)

Organized Classes

Create an unlimited number of classes/groups to personalize what students need. Teachers will gain the ability to:

- Create small groups at different points of unit or year
- Assign meaningful personalized content
- Keep students motivated by doing what matters
- Track data of small groups easier

"With Class Progress, you'll see aggregate data on students' most to least missed terms, helping you pinpoint exactly which concepts need more review." (Quizlet 2020)

Rich Text Formatting (B, I, U)

Show students what is important by emphasizing key points and patterns with bold, italic, underlines and highlights. This will help students:

- See differences when comparing quickly
- Increase awareness to main concepts
- Maintain focus on content

"Contrast not only serves to draw in the eye, but you can use it to organize information, clarify the hierarchy, guide a reader around the page, and provide a focus." (Williams, p. 21)

Cost to Upgrade

75 subscriptions: 15 for Math, ELA, Sci, and SS, and 15 subscriptions to be used to give to Academic Success Teachers, ESOL, and SPED Departments.

Total Cost - \$2024.43 - To pay this we can use \$506.11 of each \$2000 departmental budget. (Quizlet 2020)

Quizlet Teacher

Get teacher superpowers

\$3/month

BILLED AT \$35.99 ANNUALLY

- Track student progress
- Customize images and audio
- Create detailed diagrams
- Adapt Quizlet Live
- Organize your class
- Add rich text formatting
- Work faster with the app
- Remove the ads

Quizlet

Limited ads support our tools

\$0/month

CREATE AND SHARE FREE SETS

- Track student progress
- Customize images and audio
- Create detailed diagrams
- Adapt Quizlet Live
- Organize your class
- Add rich text formatting
- Work faster with the app
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Year After Year Cost

The cost per year will not change unless Quizlet changes the cost.

Year 2021 Cost - \$2024.43

There is no training cost. Most teachers are using the free version of Quizlet and therefore have a foundation. The Help Center will have how to's and help to get teachers going if have problems incorporating new features.

Implementing – Limitations and Access

No Students will be exempt from Quizlet Teacher. It is suitable for all students at Teasley Middle School.

All content and supporting material is controlled by the teacher.

All students at Teasley are issued a laptop and therefore will have equitable access to Quizlet.

Quizlet works on all smart devices so it will also allow any student without a laptop for any reason to use a cell phone or tablet with internet.

Implementing Cont'd

Quizlet Sets can be printed or saved so a student can access on paper or their devices without internet.

-paper will not allow for some of the features to be utilized

Quizlet Teacher also makes for a safer experience as there are no adds that are in the free version.

It is recommend students use headphones so can listen to any audio without disrupting others around them.

Technical Support

Quizlet Help Center for Teaching

- Getting Started Tools
- Quizlet Live
- Classes
- Class Progress

In the Quizlet Help Center it also has resources for Studying, Community and Safety, and Troubleshooting.

Research, Teacher, and Student Backed

Research:

"Lander (2015) discovered that test scores in students who extensively used Quizlet can be boosted by 6% compared to those who did not." (Lander 2016)

"To help them master higher order skills more quickly and easily, students must have what Gangė (1982) and Bloom (1986) call automaticity, or automatic recall of lower order prerequisite skills." (Integrating pg. 161)

Teacher:

"Totally awesome. This gives me real data to back up my gut instincts on what things my students can handle now and what things they still need to practice." (Quizlet 2020)

Research Cont'd

"When I give sets as individual work, I can check who did the assignment and they used Quizlet for self-study." (Quizlet 2020)

Student:

"Before using Quizlet, I wasn't getting good grades. The cause of that was I didn't know how to really study. It was my first year in middle school. After I started using Quizlet, I saw a HUGE improvement in my grades and I was on the Honor Roll." (Studying 2020)

"I love Quizlet! It is the most helpful study tactic ever! I have started getting better grades on my tests and quizzes because Quizlet helps me learn." (Studying 2020)

Reflection

Through researching Quizlet Teacher I am even more interested in having it. If I cannot get my school to adopt it through this presentation I will get it myself and push for it by using it in my classroom this year.

This was a great project to put me in the place of a technology leader. This happens all the time in the technology department as they research new and better technologies to use.

The tough part I found with researching new emerging technology for my school is that since we are 1-1 we have many things. Many of the emerging technologies I looked at we already have a way of doing what they do. It would be hard to convince a principal or board to adopt something that is thousands of dollars if we have something that gives us the same benefit. Especially with the budgets being cut form the effects of Covid-19 on the economy.

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