



ED-TECH EVALUATION

# Assessment Solution Checklist



## A teacher's most precious resource is time.

Whether the classroom itself is physical or virtual, teachers are still expected to work miracles on a routine basis. They must teach students, assess learning, analyze data, respond quickly, track standards, generate reports, collaborate with peers, and more. They need help. They deserve help. And they're looking for help.

Fortunately, technology tools for handling assessments, data collection, and reporting are more popular than ever. And while some "solutions" may fall short of expectations, others are fully capable of easing workloads and enhancing learning at the same time. The good news is that it's easier to tell the difference than you might think.

# Put your assessment technology tool to the test.

Checking out technology doesn't have to be overwhelming.

## 1 Getting Going

### **Easy to start. Easy to use.**

Simplifying and streamlining processes can be enormously helpful, but only if it doesn't require hours of Professional Development (PD) just to set up and learn the technology. The promise of a powerful tech tool can be impeded by a complicated onboarding process or steep learning curve. Valuable user interfaces will have an intuitive design and walk teachers through each step.

## 2 Meeting Needs

### **Flexible now. Flexible tomorrow.**

Education is constantly evolving and any worthwhile ed-tech solution needs to be able to keep up with those changes. Whether it's reworking assessments based on data, incorporating custom standards or performance bands, or transitioning between paper and digital (or a combination of both), adaptability is key. A strong technology solution should work with your existing systems and easily accommodate adjustments over time.

# Make sure your ed-tech solution gets a passing grade.

## 3 Evaluating Grades

### **Fast scoring. Meaningful feedback.**

The ability to scan-and-score assignments quickly is only one step in the assessment process. An effective scoring solution will also integrate with existing digital gradebooks to automatically transfer grades. But even more importantly, it will easily allow teachers to view, sort, and compare data in order to identify and understand important stories and adjust accordingly.

## 4 Tracking Progress

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Use this handy checklist to evaluate the technology tools you are currently using or considering to ensure you are getting everything you need.

**Name of Tool:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Getting Going

- ☐ Provides An Easy-To-Navigate User Experience
- ☐ Guides Teachers And Admins Through The Set Up Process
- ☐ Syncs With Classroom Rosters And Data Systems

## Meeting Needs

- ☐ Adjusts Deliver Methods As Needs Change
- ☐ Integrates With New And Existing Class Materials
- ☐ Incorporates Custom Performance Bands And Standards
- ☐ Supports Paper And/Or Digital Assignments

## Evaluating Grades

- ☐ Expedites Grading And Feedback
- ☐ Organizes Data Dynamically For Different Needs
- ☐ Transfers Scores To Electronic Gradebooks Seamlessly

## Tracking Progress

- ☐ Comes Preloaded With Banks Of Standards
- ☐ Allows Custom Standards And Performance Bands
- ☐ Links Multiple Standards Per Question
- ☐ Reports Data Instantly With Charts and Graphs

## Learning Collectively

- ☐ Aggregates Data From Different Mediums And Distribution Methods
- ☐ Generates Customizable And Shareable Reports
- ☐ Displays Data In Meaningful Ways



ASSESSMENT MADE EASY

# A Flexible Assessment Solution

Gradient makes getting started a breeze! Not only does it work with your existing systems and processes, it doesn't require any proprietary forms, special equipment, or time-consuming professional development.



Assignments are fully customizable with a variety of question types, including multiple choice, number grids, handwritten numeric, fill-in-the-blank, open response, rubrics, and more. Plus, they can be utilized on paper, online, or both.



Automated scoring and instant grade transfer delivers fast, flexible data that tracks progress for formative feedback, longitudinal comparison, existing or custom standard reporting, and even subgroup categorization.



And perhaps best of all, Gradient's easily shareable reporting strengthens PLC collaboration and supports a continuous improvement cycle.

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