

Using NorthStar Digital Literacy Assessment with Your Students

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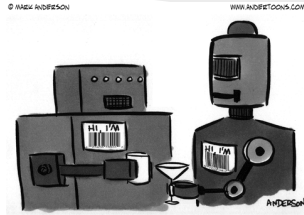
Agenda

- NorthStar Assessment for your students
- Recommendations for computer integration
- Resources for computer skill development
- Plan for your program



Introductions

- Name
- Program
- Position



Using the North Star Digital Literacy Assessment for students in your class

The North Star...Assessment is free for you to use from the public site: <https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/>

There are 7 modules: Basic Computer, World Wide Web, Windows 7, Mac OSX, Email, Microsoft Word, Social Media and Microsoft Excel.

You can use this assessment...

- Why? When a student completes a module a report is generated that tells the student where they need more help
- Use it as a Pre-Test
- Later in the year use it as a Post-Test

Resources to help students

- The St. Paul Public Library has developed learning guides that have resources for every North Star standard that are in the modules.
- As teachers you can use these resources for in-class instructional materials too.

The Resources in the Learning Guide come from:

- Digital Learn: <http://digitallearn.org/learn> short videos to learn a specific tech skills
- Goodwill Community Foundation Learn Free - [GCFLearnFree] <http://www.gcflearnfree.org/> has a number of resources and tutorials for Technology, Microsoft Applications and... reading, math, everyday life. Its a great resource to have your toolbox.
- YouTube

Recommendations for Computer Integration

- Seamlessly integrate technology in ways that follow best practices:
 - fostering self-determination and motivation
 - differentiation
 - project based learning
 - activities involving students learning technology skills they need proficiency in to attain their goals
 - improving communication and information sharing



Resources for Computer Skill Development

Technology Literacy Collaborative

<http://tlc-mn.org/digital-inclusion/curriculum>

- Excel 1
- Basic Computer, Internet, Email
- Internet Safety
- Technology Literacy Workshop Series

Resources for Use by Teachers



<http://www.rifli.org/find-resources/>

Click 'Find Resources' for curriculum aligned to NorthStar for the ESOL Class

Interactive Activities and Short Tutorials



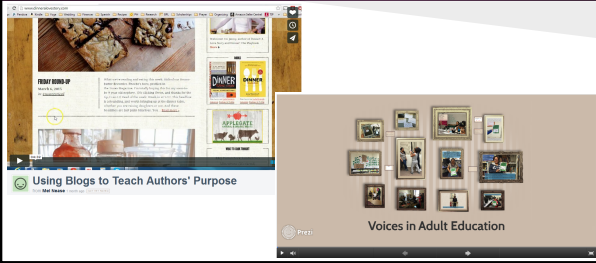
Has lots of tutorials including technology but it also has

- [Grocery List](#)
- [Phone numbers](#)

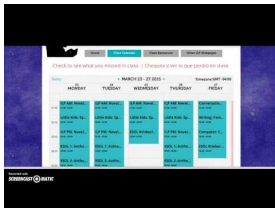


Has tutorial videos for technology, some things new such as [Cloud Storage](#).

Projects



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Technology Integration Project <http://nelrc.org/practice/index.html>

[Intergenerational Literacy Program website](#)

Plan for Your Program

SABES PD Center - DL and Technology Support Web site
<http://sabes.org/pd-center/dl-and-technology>

In small groups, investigate resources.

- Are there any that address your students' goals?
- What is needed to implement them?



Think about...

Your program becoming a Sponsor for NorthStar
WHY?

If our teachers become Proctors your program can...

- Award students Certificates or Digital Badges
- For students to share their digital skills with employers.
- You can collect data showing how well your students are increasing their digital literacy.

Thank you

