

Session 12 Learn: Sharing Teacher Created Materials



Overview: We all know that teachers have more work to do than can be done in a 24 hour day, yet we seldom talk about and implement real solutions to this problem. Sharing teacher-created materials is critical for more reasons than just saving time. In this session, we'll examine the issues around sharing in depth.

Learn: Read Articles About Sharing

Read the article by Mark Prensky, "[If We Share, We're Halfway There.](#)" This article was written in 2005 and mostly talks about the need for organizations, namely IT folks, to provide an online mechanism for sharing. But is this enough?

After you read the article, think about the tools you have at your school and in MCPS for sharing digital materials. How much can you find for your own use within these resources? How much of your own materials do you actively share? Consider why sharing doesn't happen as often as we might expect and why.

Then read "[The Ethics of Sharing](#)" which is a summary of the online conversation that one professional sharing community had on this topic.

Session 12 Discuss: Sharing Teacher-Created Materials

Attitudes About Sharing

Reflection and Discussion:

What are some existing attitudes teachers in your building have related to sharing digital materials? How does sharing of digital materials in this day and age relate to professional ethics as an educator?