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EdTech Sandbox Pilot Program

Educator Guide



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Program Description

eCampusOntario has formed strategic partnerships with several leading educational technology companies to facilitate pilot programs and provide product licenses to member institutions. The EdTech Sandbox has launched a pilot program, allowing Ontario educators to test and integrate educational technologies into their teaching practice for free. Partnering with various educational technology companies, the program offers free licenses, onboarding support, product training provided by the vendor, and a community space platform.

This opportunity enables educators to explore new EdTech tools, embrace innovative teaching strategies, and foster collaboration among professionals, ultimately enhancing effective teaching practices in Ontario's education sector.



Pilot Program

The eCampusOntario EdTech Sandbox is launching a pilot program, an initiative designed to empower Ontario educators to explore and integrate educational technologies into their teaching practice, free of charge.

Educator Sign-up Process

1. Educators can sign up to access product licenses through two methods:
 - a. They can visit the Pilot page on the EdTech Sandbox at <https://sandbox.ecampusontario.ca/pilot>.
 - b. They can click the "**PILOT TOOL**" button on the product page in the EdTech Sandbox.
2. As part of the interest form, educators are required to review and agree to the terms of use for the desired product.
3. The EdTech Sandbox team will securely transmit the data of interested educators to the vendor (name, contact info, and institution). The team will transmit the data every 2 weeks.
4. Upon handover, we ask vendors to promptly contact the respective individuals to initiate the process of piloting their product.
5. The vendor, educators, and eCampusOntario will collaborate closely to establish and commence the pilot program, ensuring a seamless implementation.
6. Throughout the pilot phase, educators will have the opportunity to provide valuable feedback, report any issues, and share their experiences in using the product.
7. eCampusOntario will survey program participants to collect data on product usage/ experiences and share data with vendors.

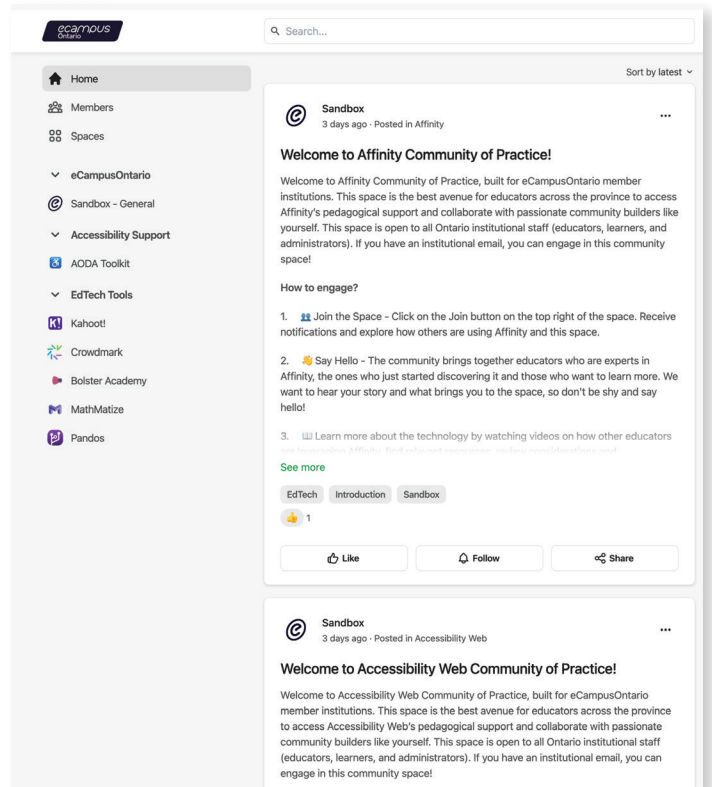
Community of Practice

The eCampusOntario EdTech Sandbox hosts a community of practice platform to support educators and member institutions with product adoption support and mentorship. The platform provides a centralized space for educators and staff to connect with technology experts to obtain technical and pedagogical guidance. Additionally, educators can connect with colleagues across the province to learn and share best practices related to technology use in the classroom.

The community platform is embedded in every product page within the EdTech Sandbox, providing users with direct access to digital tool spaces. Educators can post questions, share experiences, and seek support for the technologies they wish to adopt.

Visit us:

<https://community.ecampusontario.ca/>



Community Calls

Community Calls is a valuable service provided by a vendor to support and guide educators in their use of educational technologies. The service offers two options to help educators make the most of their tools and to share their experiences with other professionals in their field.

By participating in Community Calls, educators can connect with their peers, share knowledge and ideas, and receive expert guidance and support from the vendor. This helps to promote innovation, collaboration, and effective teaching practices in the education sector, and can ultimately benefit students and learners of all ages.

Reports

eCampusOntario will generate mid and final reports to assess the effectiveness of the pilot program for both educators and vendors. The reports for educators will provide a comprehensive overview of their experiences in the

program, including their ongoing participation, feedback on the benefits of the program for their educational needs, and any suggestions for improvement. These reports will enable eCampusOntario to understand the program's impact on educators' professional development and enhance their learning experiences.

The reports for vendors will assess their participation in the pilot program, including the frequency of educators using their product and any concerns that need addressing. Vendors will also receive valuable feedback from educators, enabling them to improve their product and better serve the needs of the education community. eCampusOntario will use this feedback to make data-driven decisions on the products and services they offer in the future, ensuring that the education technology ecosystem continues to grow and evolve to meet the changing needs of learners and educators.