

Interview Notes

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Interview with ICT Teacher

Interviewee: Ms.V

Questions & Key Takeaways from Responses:

- **Could you share your experience in creating a curriculum that incorporates technology to assist ELLs? Which tools or platforms have you found most successful in addressing their language and academic needs?**
 - i-Ready is used to differentiate instruction for ELLs
 - It provides targeted practice for math and reading
 - i-Ready offers content in multiple languages, students are encouraged to explore material in their native language when needed
 - Smart Boards are utilized to create interactive lessons
 - Google Slides are used to present lessons on the Smartboard
 - Displaying the slides on the board ensures students can continuously refer back to the board where they find materials such as the learning target and success criteria
 - Youtube is utilized for read-alouds and brain breaks
- **How does assistive technology help ELLs, and how have you used these tools in your teaching?**
 - Smartboards create multisensory experiences
 - Document camera is used to display visual examples such as teacher/ student work
 - i-Ready has a built-in text-to-speech feature for students who need additional support
 - Waggle provides personalized practice, gives feedback, and allows students to work at their desired pace
- **How do you incorporate students' native languages in your lessons while also focusing on their English language development?**
 - Students native language is used as a bridge to support their English language development
 - Students are able to ask questions in their native language
 - Students are encouraged to comfortably switch between languages as needed
 - Opportunities for peer support
- **How do you use technology to communicate with the parents of your ELLs?**
 - Remind, which has translation features, is used to communicate with parents
 - Notices sent home are translated
 - When calling a parent, an interpreter is present

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Interview with IT Specialist

Interviewee: Ms.R

Questions & Key Takeaways from Responses:

- **How do you support teachers in integrating technology into their lessons to support ELLs?**
 - Ensure that every student has a login for i-Ready and Waggle that they can access at home as well
 - Help teachers analyze student data
 - Assist teachers with any login, connection, and Smartboard issues
- **How do you ensure that technology is stable and secure in the classroom?**
 - Scheduled checks on Smartboards and document camera to make sure everything works properly
 - Reliable Wi-Fi to ensure students can get of resources such as i-Ready and Waggle
 - Strong passwords for students to ensure no one else can access their accounts
 - iPads are updated and regularly charged in charts
 - Follow New York State regulations to protect student information and data
 - Certain websites are blocked to ensure students cannot access non educational resources