



ISTE Seal Review Findings Report

**Schoology
Learning**

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ABOUT

ABOUT ISTE

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) is home to a community of global educators and solution providers who are passionate about using technology to revolutionize learning. Our vision is to create a bold community where education innovators are supported in reimagining and redesigning learning with a focus on using technology to create transformational and equitable experiences for learners. We're making this vision a reality by delivering practical guidance, evidence-based professional learning, virtual networks, thought-provoking events and the ISTE Standards.

ISTE SEAL

The ISTE Seal serves as a mark of high-quality product design for solutions that enable and guide high-quality learning. By choosing to demonstrate their commitment to supporting best practices for teaching and learning, these products show a purposeful and meaningful dedication to practical usability, digital pedagogical implementation, and the ISTE Standards. With a focus on user experience, product usability, and the most essential elements of instructional technology today, the ISTE Seal provides a set of criteria and simple indicators to guide educators, students, and technology directors toward the very best products on the market.

ISTE awards a seal only after an extensive analysis conducted by trained ISTE reviewers that ensures a product meets all critical elements under specific review criteria.



By earning an ISTE Seal, ISTE verifies that this product:

- Promotes critical technology skills.
- Supports the use of technology in appropriate ways.
- Incorporates digital pedagogy and the learning sciences.
- Addresses key elements of tech usability, user experience and user interface.
- Aligns to ISTE Standards in specific ways.

RESOURCE DESCRIPTION

WHAT IS *Schoology Learning*?

Schoology Learning is a K12-focused learning management system (LMS). As a part of PowerSchool Personalized Learning Cloud, Schoology Learning is designed to help schools and districts improve student performance, increase parent engagement, and improve overall communication and collaboration. The platform is designed to foster student growth with individualized instruction and equitable access to learning for every student – at home, at school, or anywhere in between. Using the platform, educators can deliver personalized learning experiences at all learning levels and get a clear view of student progress and ongoing instructional needs along the way.

HOW IS *Schoology Learning* IMPLEMENTED?

Schoology Learning increases communication and collaboration throughout a school or district. The platform delivers personalized learning experiences no matter where students are and gives a clear view of student progress and ongoing instructional needs. Schoology Learning provides course authoring tools, course management, communication and collaboration, assessment and grading, resource sharing and a repository of educational resources, integration with learning tools, and data analytics.

ISTE SEAL REVIEW

Product: Schoology Learning

Product Type: Platform

Organization: PowerSchool

Date of Award: November 2023, Updated November 2025

REVIEW METHODOLOGY

ISTE Seal reviews are conducted by a distinguished panel of experts in education, instruction, and technology. These experts utilize the most up-to-date data provided by the organization to conduct thorough evaluations of each solution. The evaluations focus on assessing the solution's performance in addressing specific elements outlined in the technical and pedagogical usability framework and the ISTE Standards.

To complete their rigorous evaluations, the reviewers utilize a comprehensive rating system, categorizing each solution as either "meets expectations" or "does not meet expectations." This assessment covers both the required and optional "Look Fors" outlined in the application. To ensure the validity and reliability of their results, the reviewers regularly engage in calibrations. Final review findings are then analyzed and combined, providing an overall score for alignment with each indicator.

At ISTE, we take great pride in our unwavering commitment to delivering results that schools and districts can have full confidence in. To be deemed education-ready learning solutions, products must meet the high standards in learning sciences, user experience and interface, accessibility, and content quality.



SCOPE OF REVIEW

Schoology Learning was reviewed against the technical, pedagogical usability framework and the ISTE Standards to determine whether **the solution is education-ready**. ISTE reviewers examined all evidence provided by the organization and interacted directly with the product.

REVIEW FINDINGS

ISTE STANDARDS: The ISTE Standards provide the competencies for learning, teaching, and leading in the digital age, providing a comprehensive roadmap for the effective use of technology in schools worldwide. Grounded in learning science research and based on practitioner experience, the ISTE Standards ensure that using technology for learning can create high-impact, sustainable, scalable, and equitable learning experiences for all learners.

Empowered Learner 1.1.c

Students use technology to seek feedback that informs and improves their practice and to demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways.

Digital Citizen 1.2.a

Cultivate and manage their digital identity and reputation and are aware of the permanence of their actions in the digital world.

Creative Communicator 1.6.a


Students choose the appropriate platforms and tools for meeting the desired objectives of their creation or communication.

Global Collaborator 1.7.a & 1.7.b

Students use digital tools to connect with learners from a variety of backgrounds and cultures, engaging with them in ways that broaden mutual understanding and learning. Students use collaborative technologies to work with others, including peers,



experts and community members, to examine issues and problems from multiple viewpoints.

FEEDBACK	OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can use feedback from teachers and peers to enhance and track their learning, provide responses, and create artifacts that demonstrate their learning. • The platform features tools designed to help students understand the importance of digital reputations, manage their digital identity, and encourage appropriate usage. • Students can access a variety of tools to take pictures, create audio and video recordings, create web pages, upload files, and attach resources from third-party sources. • The Shared Discussions tool in a course allows students to collaborate with their peers via discussion threads that can include text comments as well as uploaded audio and video recordings. 	
<p>DIMENSION 1: USER INTERFACE AND AGENCY</p> <p>Definition: The design of the product interface and user experience helps teachers quickly and reliably achieve instructional goals. This dimension includes features related to interface design, learnability, navigation, maximizing time on task, control over actions, and general usability.</p>	
FEEDBACK	OUTCOME




- The product provides clear, consistent navigation with visible menus, descriptive labels, breadcrumb trails, and easy return pathways, while offering a developmentally appropriate simplified interface with visual icons for elementary learners.
- An effective layered search with global, local, and hierarchical features makes searching within the platform easy and efficient.
- The product makes it easy for teachers to preview and experience a course exactly as their students do.
- Adjustable controls, features, and content enable teachers to customize course materials, student groups, and parent and administrator views.
- Wide range of support options based on school and district needs, including synchronous courses, asynchronous courses, and online help.
- The platform demonstrates interoperability with a wide range of educational tools and systems with seamless access and data flow across connected apps.
- The product clearly communicates its data privacy priorities and practices, including a comprehensive Global Privacy Statement outlining how student data is collected, stored, and used.





DIMENSION 2: LEARNING DESIGN

Definition: The product has features that exhibit and promote design and customization of learning episodes in ways that align with research-based best practices, including those rooted in the learning sciences.


FEEDBACK	OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolios offer a particularly rich set of tools that allow students to set and track their learning goals. • Page and content creation tools enable teachers to mix and match formats on a single page so students don't have to navigate away from a page to see relevant content. • The platform includes a suite of tools to create various types of interactive assignments and assessments to engage students in reflection and reinforcement. • The product provides robust tools to customize and differentiate content through modular, editable materials, individual or group assignments via drag-and-drop functionality, and configurable completion rules that support personalized learning pathways for diverse student needs. 	

DIMENSION 3: DIGITAL PEDAGOGY

Definition: The product is designed to support the development of digital age learning skills, capacities and knowledge. This dimension focuses on how technology can help students and teachers experience the best possible learning




experiences, including the social and learning affordances that digital educational products uniquely offer.

FEEDBACK	OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can choose from a wide range of authoring and presentation tools to create content and submit assignments to meet their learning goals. • Students can connect with each other, educators, and parents using the Group tools to post to discussions, engage in group activities, and share resources through features designed to help manage their digital identity and encourage appropriate usage. 	

DIMENSION 4: INCLUSIVITY

Definition: The product helps teachers provide learning experiences that are relevant to students of many cultures, backgrounds, and abilities, and support learner motivation and agency in the learning process. The product meets current guidelines around accessibility, and supports a positive classroom culture.

FEEDBACK	OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The product demonstrates strong adherence to accessibility guidelines through features including closed captioning and playback speed controls in instructional videos, high color contrast for interface elements, and integrated tools such as Immersive Reader, an Accessibility Checker, and customizable display options. 	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The platform maintains a publicly available Accessibility Statement and VPAT documentation outlining alignment with WCAG standards. 	
<p>DIMENSION 5: ASSESSMENT AND DATA</p> <p>Definition: The product uses formative assessments – learning experiences that help make visible what students know and don’t yet know – to generate data that inform teachers about student knowledge and skill gaps, and provide students assessment feedback that is specific, actionable, and constructive. As such, it guides teachers’ instructional decisions and students’ learning journeys.</p>	
<p>FEEDBACK</p>	<p>OUTCOME</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The platform allows teachers to embed assessments throughout the course content and provides tools for teachers to give feedback on student progress toward learning goals. The platform provides an extensive array of question types in both selected (e.g., multiple choice, matching, and ordering) and constructed (e.g., short answer/essay, upload audio or video) responses. Teachers can offer specific, targeted, and unique feedback to individual students and on individual questions. The product provides performance reporting tools that deliver immediate, interpretable assessment data with key indicators, configurable views by student or question item, and filtering options that enable 	



teachers to analyze trends by subgroup, learning objective, or mastery level.	
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CONCLUSION

The Schoology Learning platform provides a rich, comprehensive digital learning environment where educators and administrators can create and deliver courses tailored to diverse student populations. The user interface features straightforward navigation, descriptive menus, and graphics that appeal to learners across grade levels. Teachers can customize both the environment and materials using content differentiation features that support personalized learning pathways for diverse student needs. The platform's strong interoperability with educational tools and comprehensive data privacy practices gives districts confidence in secure, connected learning experiences.

A particular strength of the platform is its assessment features. Teachers can access a vast assortment of formative and summative assessment tools accompanied by performance reporting that delivers immediate, interpretable data to inform instructional decisions. They can analyze student progress through configurable views and filtering options, enabling targeted support for individual learners and groups. Schoology assessments also sync with PowerTeacher Pro Gradebook to import grades, saving teachers time on report cards and supporting parent communication. The platform demonstrates its commitment to accessibility through integrated support tools, adherence to WCAG standards, and features that meet the needs of all learners.

The modified dashboard and assignments for primary students offer teachers a much-needed and valuable way to provide content, activities, and



assessments for their youngest learners. Combined with collaborative tools that help students develop their digital identity and communication skills, the platform supports both teaching effectiveness and student empowerment. Schoology Learning offers users a robust and mature learning management system that delivers a polished, professional, and well-supported solution for a wide range of users and needs.