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WELCOME TO 2025!

Happy New year! We're excited to introduce you to our monthly newsletter, designed to keep you informed and inspired about the latest in educational technology. Each month, we'll spotlight innovative ed-tech tools, share tips and best practices for Moodle, and announce upcoming workshops and events to support your teaching journey.

Whether you're looking to enhance engagement, streamline your course setup, or explore new ways to connect with students, this newsletter is your go-to resource. Together, let's make teaching and learning even more dynamic and impactful!





Moodle Mentor Attendance

The Attendance activity allows teachers to record attendance and students to view their records. Faculty can mark students as "Present," "Absent," "Late," or "Excused," with customizable statuses. After adding Attendance to a course, Faculty set sessions to track. Reports can be generated for the class or individual students, who can view their records unless hidden.

Resource: Adding Class Sessions to Your Attendance Activity

Workshops

Getting Started with Moodle: Course Setup and Management Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Making Your Videos Interactive using H5P February 20, 2025

Engaging Students with Technology March 27, 2025

*Click <u>workshops</u>to register for the workshops.

COURSE DESIGN MATTERS: THE ID CORNER

As you set up your course shell please remember these Quality Matters and instructional design best practices:

- Keep your course simple and direct. Information overload creates confusion.
- Check how easy or challenging it is to navigate your shell from your phone. Can you find the syllabus, assignments, and exams quickly? Ask a friend or family member to find those items as an extra challenge!
- Have your assignments posted and gradebook set up by the second week of term to ensure students can get an accurate view of their grades throughout the term.
- Starting Feb 3rd. Moodle Support will review Moodle Gradebooks to ensure accuracy. Accuracy is assessed by whether or not the gradebook matches the syllabus.

Course all set and ready for Middle States review? Submit this form and let us know!

SMART EVALS: INCREASE IN RESPONSES

Congratulations, faculty, on the impressive increase in course evaluation responses this semester! Your dedication to creating engaging and impactful learning experiences truly shines through. We're excited to share that the evaluation results are now available for your review. Take a moment to explore the valuable feedback and insights provided by your students to continue enhancing your courses. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to excellence in teaching!

LESSON PLANNING WITH ARTIFICAL INTELLIGENCE

MagicSchool AI is an innovative teaching tool that harnesses the power of artificial intelligence to transform the way educators approach teaching and learning. Educators can use <u>MagicSchool</u> to efficiently plan lessons, craft engaging classroom activities, create customized worksheets, design assessments tailored to learning objectives, and even generate creative content to inspire their students. Its versatility makes it an invaluable tool for enhancing classroom engagement and productivity. Best of all, <u>MagicSchool</u> is completely free for educators.