



# Accelerating Instruction: A Game Changer for All Students

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#### **Speaker Introductions**

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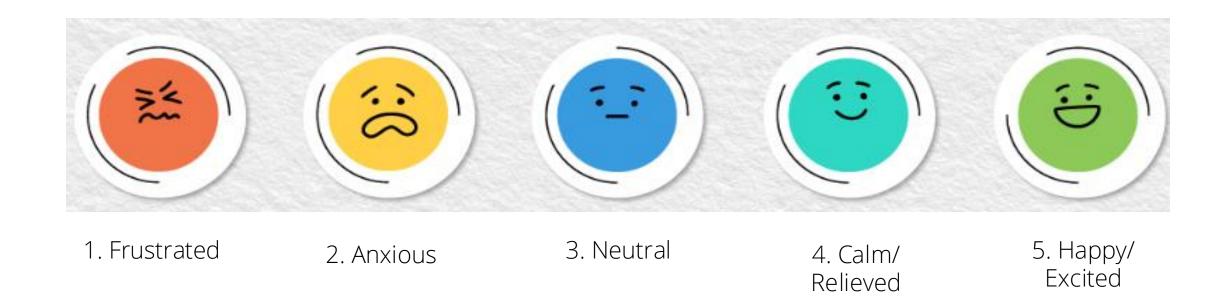


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#### Welcome – Check In!





### **Today's Learning Objectives**

. **Review** 4 research-based strategies to close learning gaps and accelerate instruction.



Discuss data tracking for streamlined progress monitoring and reporting.



• **Customize** resources for intervention and enrichment tailored to diverse learning needs.



 Inspire with Vizzle's tiered activities to enhance intervention and accelerate academic growth.



# What is your level of confidence in reducing learning gaps and accelerating instruction?





#### Learning Loss ...

Learning loss refers to the decline in academic achievement and knowledge retention, often linked to disruptions such as school closures, remote learning challenges, and socio-economic disparities.

#### **Reading Proficiency:**

**32% of 4th** and **29% of 8th graders** scored below basic proficiency in 2023, a sharp increase from pre-pandemic levels. (NAEP, 2023)



#### **Math Proficiency**:

Average math scores have dropped **5-7 points nationally** since 2019, equivalent to nearly **half a school year of learning loss.** (NAEP, 2023)



Poll Question 1: What are the biggest challenges your district faces in managing the diversity of student learning levels in the classroom?

- 1 Limited resources
- 2 Limited time for planning
- 3 Limited training time for staff
- 4 Limited budget
- 5 All of the above
- 6 None of the above





# Accelerate Strategies





## 4 Strategies to Close Gaps and Accelerate Instruction

- O Differentiated Instruction
- **Collaborative Learning**
- **Extended Learning Opportunities**
- **Curriculum Mapping**



#### Changing the Game for Everyone

#### **Universal Design for Learning**



First constructed by the Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST) in the 1990s, Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a research-based set of principles to guide the design of learning environments that are accessible and effective for all.

UDL is a **set of guiding principles** for curriculum development that ensures equal learning opportunities for everyone.

https://www.cast.org/impact/universal-design-for-learning-udl

#### **#1 Differentiated Instruction**

Learning Learning Student Scaffold stations Choice instruction styles Small Educational Assign Choices fulfilling tasks technology groups Differentiated Tiered By task Centers assignments assessment Grouping Key Ongoing Varied students by assessments assessment vocabulary ability levels

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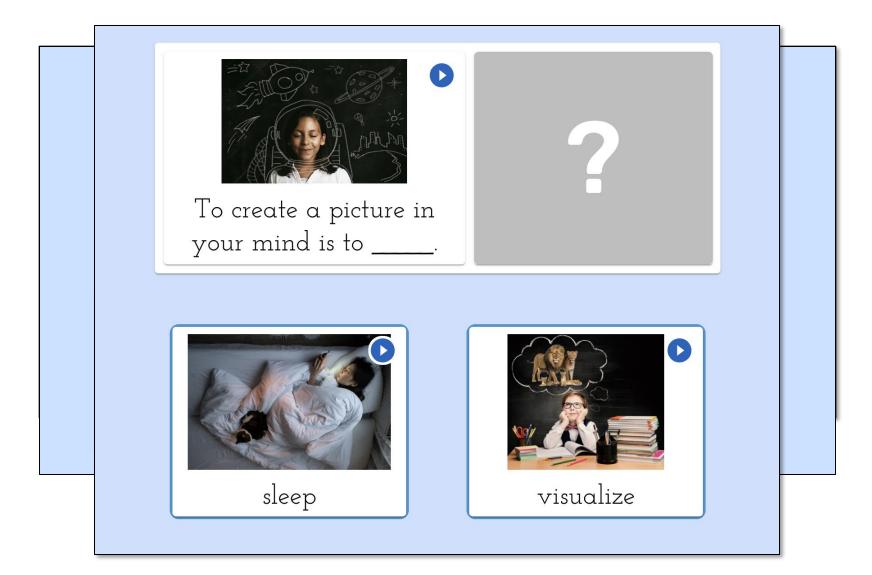
#### Vocabulary

### Providing instruction with different levels of language and multi-sensory supports.

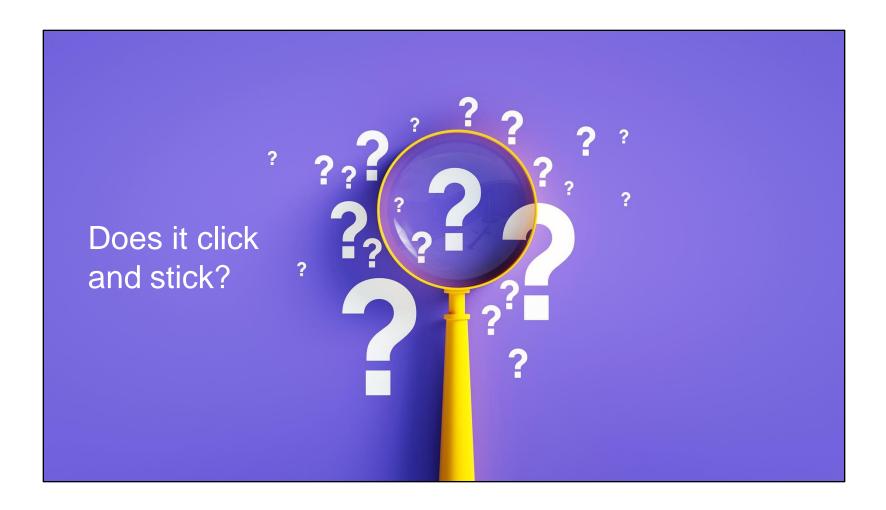
- Learners have diverse ways of perceiving and comprehending information.
- UDL provides three core guidelines for representation: perception, options for language, and options for comprehension.
- Utilizing programs like VizZle, as an educational tool, can help you align with these guidelines by offering various customization options for displaying information, alternatives for auditory and visual information.



#### Differentiation



### Mastery



### Action, Expression, and Engagement

Provide different activity types so students have a variety of ways to engage in learning and show what they know.

Engagement varies due to neurological, cultural, and personal factors.

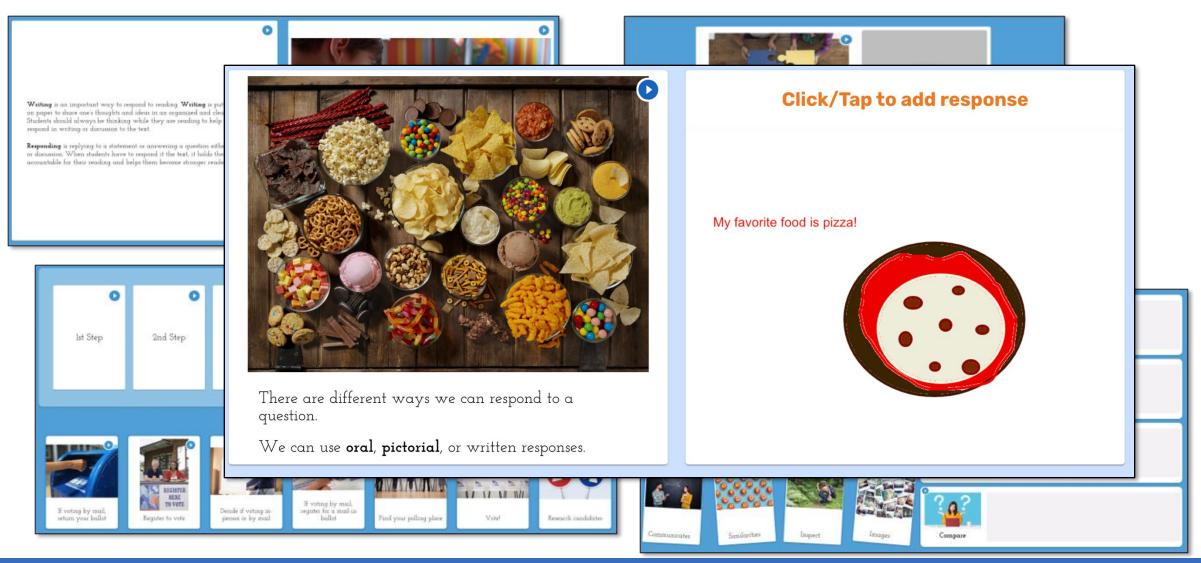
• UDL emphasizes guidelines for recruiting interest, sustaining effort, and self-regulation.

 Allow students to make choices, minimize distractions, and offer differentiated levels of difficulty and immediate feedback.

 Students should always practice new skills in multiple ways, through diverse activities, online and offline experiences, using a variety of modalities to ensure true skill mastery.



#### **Skill Generalization**



#### From the Field: Differentiated Instruction



Eunice Onaiwu Intervention Specialist **Columbus City Schools** 

Vizzle enables me to differentiate my class assignments to meet my students' needs.

The Vizzle lesson levels help my students to work independently, which motivates them to complete their assignments.





### **#2 Collaborative Learning**

Collaborative learning is a teaching method that involves students working together in groups to learn from each other, solve problems, or complete tasks.







### **Prepping for Collaborative Learning**

- 1. Strategically select which students will work together.
- 2. Size the groups for maximum effectiveness.
- 3. Teach your students how to listen to one another.
- 4. Set the rules of language and collaboration.
- 5. Make goals and expectations clear.
- 6. Assign roles.
- 7. Use real-world problems.
- 8. Different groups can have different tasks.
- 9. Warm up to provide exemplars.
- 10. Assess each student group.









Name:	Date:

#### **Conserving the Ocean Handout**

	Observations	Positive changes	Negative changes
Land masses set up			
Spoon or scoop			
	Does it remove the oil? Yes / No		
Cloth or towel			
	Does it remove the oil? Yes / No		
Soap			
	Does it remove the oil? Yes / No		

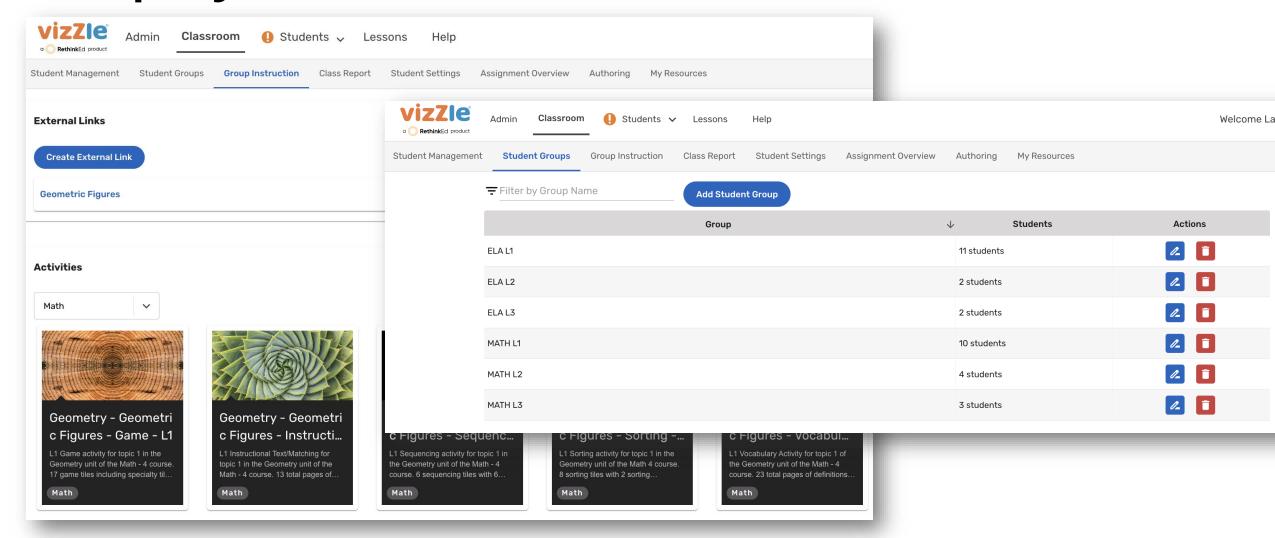
Final Ob	Final Observations: What would be the most successful in removing oil from the oceans					

#### **Group Students and Differentiation**

- Create learning groups to easily differentiate student instruction. Creating groups allows you to think about the types of activities and differentiation for easy planning and student engagement.
- Think about the type of resources needed to promote comprehension, auditory, visual, tactile, kinesthetic. Do you have student groups that need additional visuals to support comprehension? Kinesthetic learners need to see, feel, hear, and experience new concepts.



### Simplify



#### From the Field: Tier 1 – Tier 2 – Tier 3



Lauren Price CSS Science

**Duval County Schools** 



## I love using Vizzle and use it every day in all of my classes!

In my science classes, with each new topic, we use the pre-assessment as a whole group to see what previous knowledge my students have. We then complete vocabulary in our direct instruction rotation. We use the sorting/categorizing activities (printed) in small group and for remediation in computer rotation. I then print out the topic post assessment in different levels (level one for my students on regular standards; level two and three for my students on Access Points).



### **#3 Extended Learning Opportunities**

Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) are programs that provide students with opportunities to learn outside of the traditional classroom.

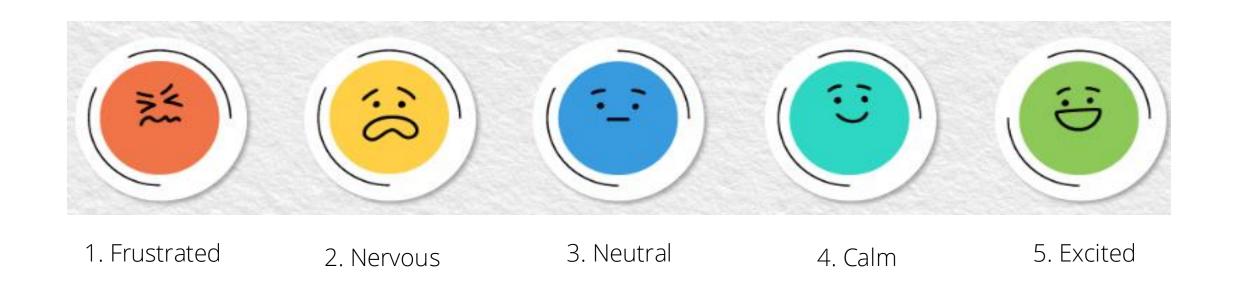
**Examples**: Before and after school programs, summer programs, extended school days, internships, community service, apprenticeships, and online courses

**Purpose**: To help students accelerate, enrich, or strengthen their learning

Flexibility: ELOs can be in-person, remote, or hybrid

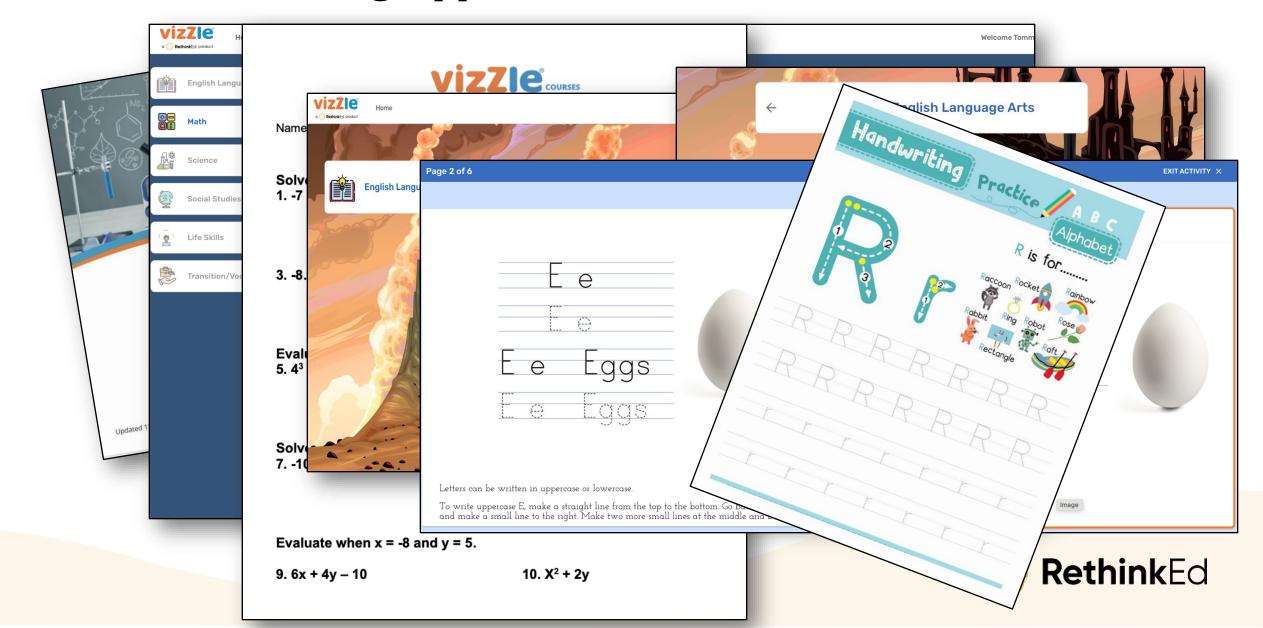


#### Poll #2: How do you feel about extended learning opportunities?





#### **Extended Learning Opportunities**



### #4 Curriculum Mapping

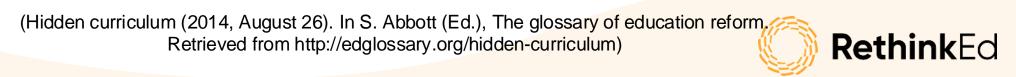
Curriculum mapping is the process of organizing a curriculum to find and fix gaps, repeats, or misalignments in order to improve the overall structure and effectiveness of the course.



**Vertical coherence:** When a curriculum is vertically aligned or vertically coherent, what students learn in one lesson, course, or grade level prepares them for the next lesson, course, or grade level.

**Horizontal coherence:** When a curriculum is horizontally aligned or horizontally coherent, what students are learning in one ninth-grade biology course, for example, mirrors what other students are learning in a different ninth-grade biology course.

**Subject-area coherence:** When a curriculum is coherent within a subject area—such as mathematics, science, or history—it may be aligned within and across grade levels and to standards.



### **Curriculum Mapping**

- 1. Improve student learning.
- 2. Measure learning outcomes.
- 3. Create clear objectives for each course.
- 4. Simplify reporting and tracking.
- 5. Use student and faculty time more effectively.
- 6. Increase student engagement.
- 7. Maintain compliance with accreditation standards.
- 8. Encourage faculty collaboration.





#### Rich and Rigorous Content & Curriculum

All students need access to appropriate standards-aligned content and curriculum. Differentiated vertically aligned content is a game-changer.

- English Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies



### Vertical – Aligned Curriculum

#### **ELA**

K-8

English 1

English 2

English 3

English 4

#### **MATH**

K-8

Algebra 1

Geometry

Algebra 2

Financial Literacy

#### **SCIENCE**

K-8

Biology

Earth Science

Chemistry

Physical Science

#### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

K-8

Civics

**US** History

World History

**US Gov/Economics** 

















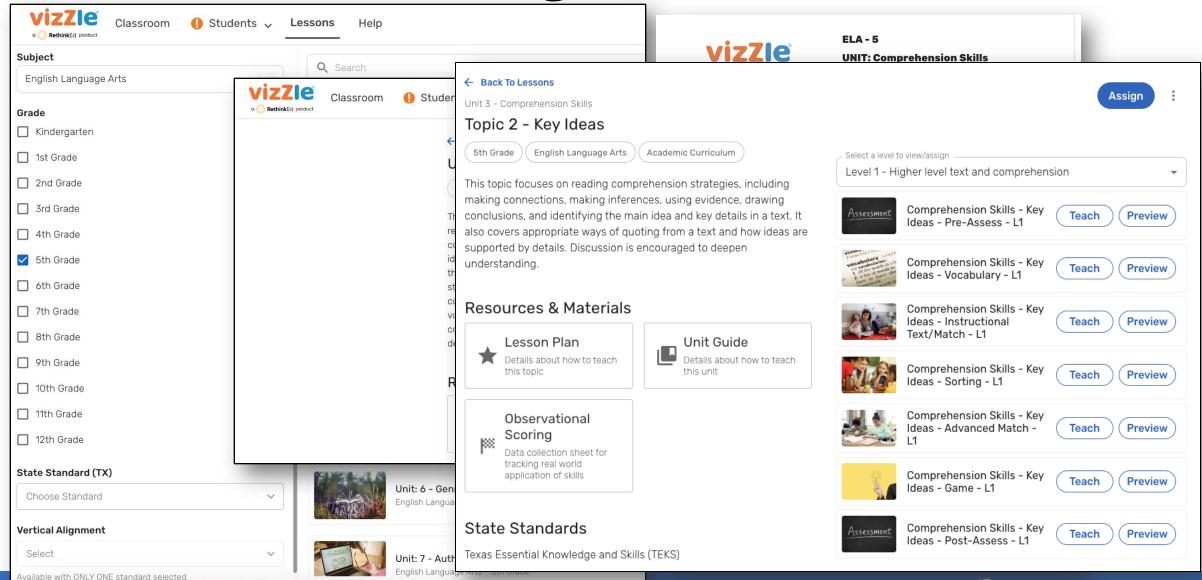








### Standards-Aligned Curriculum





# Accelerate Progress Monitoring



### Importance of Data to Accelerate!

Data is crucial for accelerating instruction because it allows teachers to pinpoint specific student needs, identify learning gaps, and tailor their teaching strategies to provide targeted interventions. This ultimately leads to faster and more effective learning for each individual student.

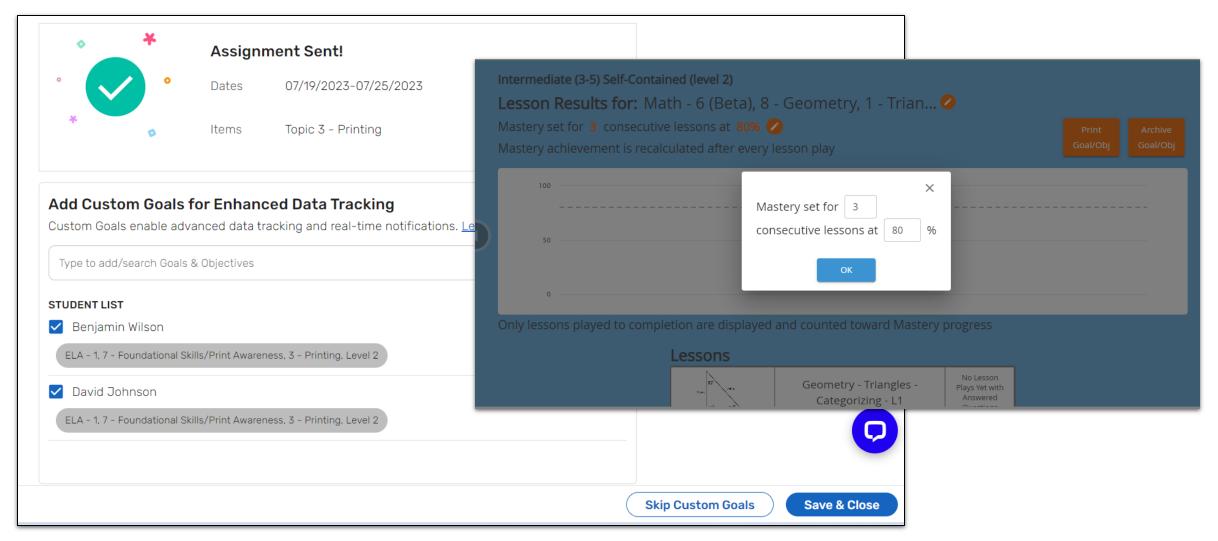


### Learning Goals and Outcomes



- Organize learning goals and objectives around your core subjects, thinking about large groups, small groups, 1:1 time, and independent work.
   Collecting data to share and show progress across the school year is a non-negotiable requirement.
- Differentiated programs like Vizzle, can create an engaging learning environment that aligns with UDL principles, facilitates independence, AND collects data to ensure student growth.

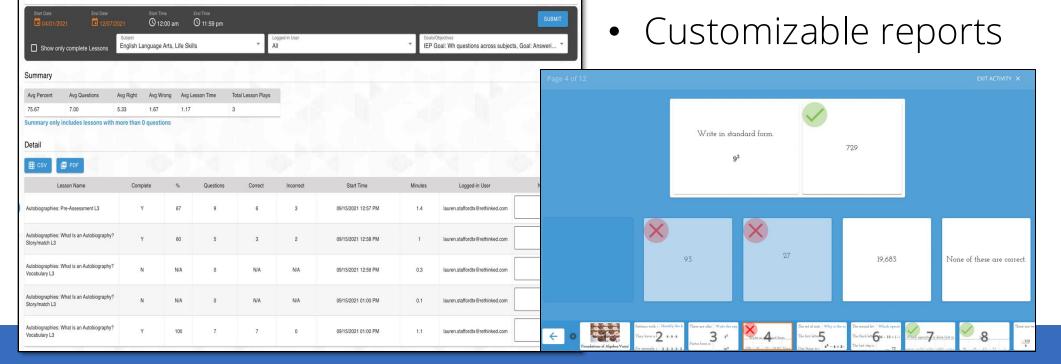
### Compliance



### Track, Report, and Accelerate



- Automatic collection of data
- Varied ongoing assessments
- Data filtered by topic or goal
- Teacher notifications for mastery
- Administrative dashboard



### From the Field: Close gaps – Meet Goals



Hannah Jimenez Inclusion/ESE Teacher

**Leon County Schools** 



I love the versatility of the program and how easy it is to track and do data chat with the students.

I use Vizzle along with each student's FAST scores and IEP goals, to focus on individual instructional gaps and goals progress monitoring.





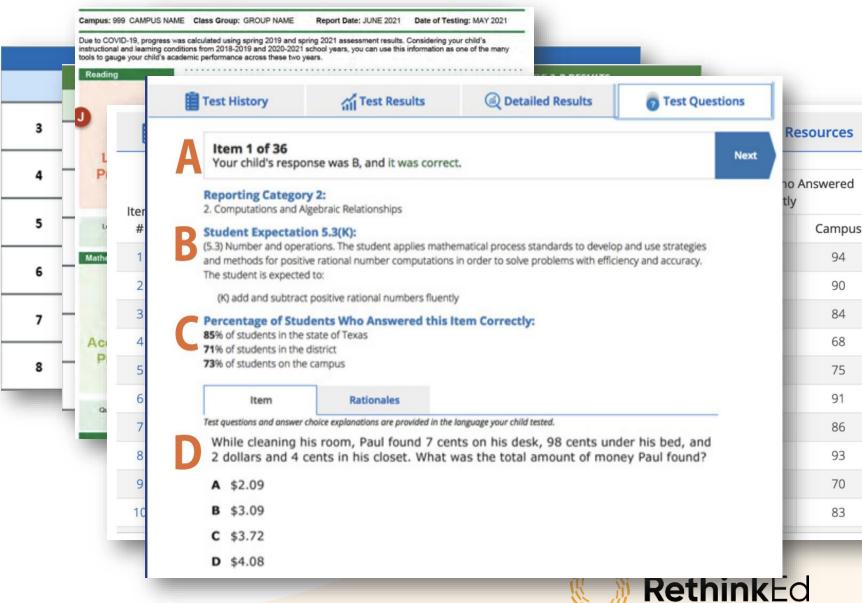


# Accelerate Personalization and Differentiation

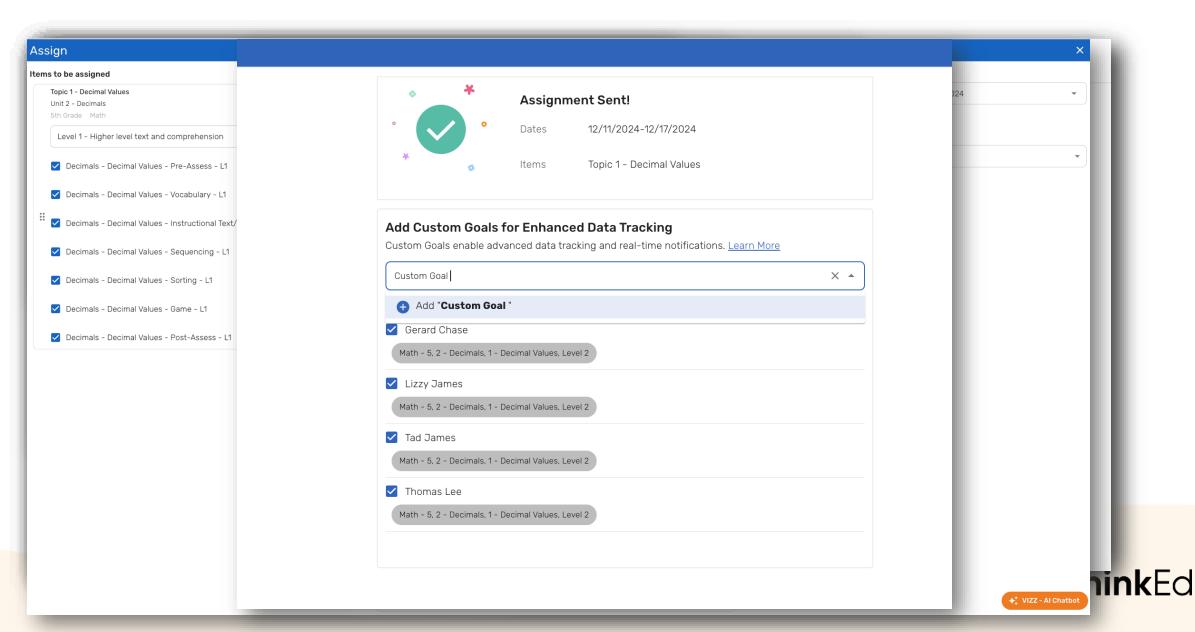


What? Why? How?

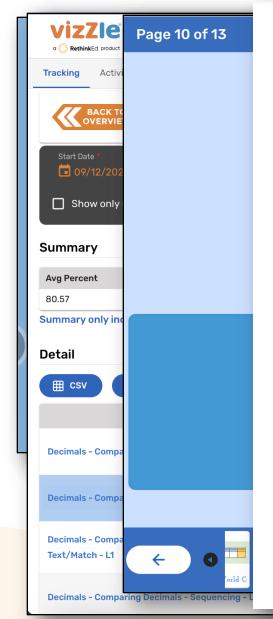
Whether reviewing data to close gaps in state-level testing reports as an admin, or educator, catching students up on content from extended absences, or accelerating instruction for students with deeper intervention needs and larger learning gaps, the right tools in your toolbox can be the game changer in any classroom.



## Easy to Implement



## **Engaging and Accelerating**





#### Report for Tommy Trenton

Student Username: tommyttrenton

Date Start: 09/12/2024 End: 12/11/2024 Time Start: 12:00 AM End: 11:59 PM

Goals/Objectives Math - 5, 2 - Decimals, 2 - Comparing Decimals, Level 1

Subjects: Math

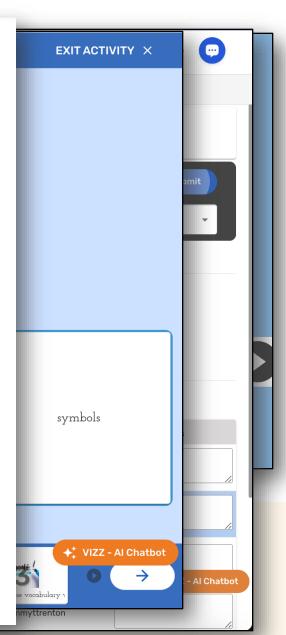
Report Created: 12/11/2024

Summary

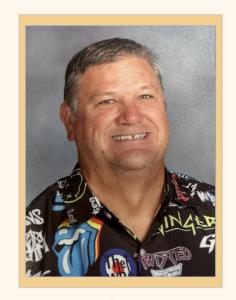
Avg Percent	Avg Questions	Avg Right	Avg Wrong	Avg Activity Time	Total Activity Plays
80.57	7.57	6.00	1.57	1.27	7

#### Details

Activity Name	Complet e	%	Questions	Correct	Incorrect	Start Time	Minu tes	Logged-in User	Notes
Decimals - Comparing Decimals - Pre-Assess - L1	Y (	30	10	3	7	12/11/2024 02:12 PM	1.2	tommyttrenton	
Decimals - Comparing Decimals - Vocabulary - L1	Y	60	5	3	2	12/11/2024 02:14 PM	0.8	tommyttrenton	
Decimals - Comparing Decimals - Instructional Text/Match - L1	Y	100	5	5	0	12/11/2024 02:15 PM	1.2	tommyttrenton	
Decimals - Comparing Decimals - Sequencing - L1	Y	100	8	8	0	12/11/2024 02:18 PM	1.8	tommyttrenton	
Decimals - Comparing Decimals - Sorting - L1	Y	88	8	7	1	12/11/2024 02:20 PM	1.2	tommyttrenton	
Decimals - Comparing Decimals - Game - L1	Y	86	7	6	1	12/11/2024 02:21 PM	1.6	tommyttrenton	
Decimals - Comparing Decimals - Post-Assess - L1	Υ (	100	10	10	0	12/11/2024 02:25 PM	1.1	tommyttrenton	



### From the Field: Game Changer



Jay Stoner
Intervention Specialist **Dublin City Schools** 

## Vizzle has been a game changer for me and my kids.

I have been using Vizzle as my curriculum to ensure I hit all the extended standards, help prepare/familiarize my students for testing, and as a way to assess my students.



**ONE Takeaway!** 





### We're ALREADY Making a Difference Together!



#### **MTSS**

Streamline systems, simplify processes, and increase capacity to provide data-driven academic, behavioral, and social-emotional interventions that facilitate measurable student success.

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#### Intervention

Implement innovative, defensible, and evidence-based programs that focus on curriculum interventions targeting academic skills, life skills, social skills, and transitional/vocational skills.



#### **Behavior Support**

Promote positive behaviors, decrease behaviors that hinder learning, and maximize student and educator success in the classroom with a holistic and data-driven approach.



#### Wellness

Promote social, emotional and mental well-being, connectedness and overall success by focusing on skills development and awareness for the entire school community.

# Poll Question #3: After today's session, what areas do you think would be most helpful?

- 1 Academic Intervention
- **2 MTSS**
- 3 Behavior
- 4 Wellness
- 5 Everything!



## Explore More: Access, Learn, and Engage





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## **Q&A Session**

