
[ISED-L] Curriculum Mapping Software Recommendations?

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Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 1:38 PM

Reply-To: A forum for independent school educators <ISED-L@listserv.syr.edu>

To: ISED-L@listserv.syr.edu

Hi All,

I'm looking for a **good curriculum mapping tool** that is simplistic enough for teachers of all technology levels and offers effective management and reporting tools for administrators. I'm mostly interested in current features and, of course, price. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you.

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Have used Rubicon Atlas - now onatlas.com - at a past school and it had great potential (though usage fizzled out - the school wasn't prepared yet with structure or support needed for such a tool).

Really curious to see what others are using. We've so far been small enough to use basic tools, but are quickly growing out of them.

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We implemented this one, created and built by ATLIS colleague Richard Anderson:

<https://richardaanderson.org/category/curriculum-mapping>

Takes a little bit of set up and tech savvy on the backend, but very configurable and has been working well for teachers for our curriculum mapping needs.

Also it is free, And it's built into Google workspace AKA Google Drive a.k.a. G Suite.

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On Mar 25, 2021, at 1:56 PM, Topher Mueller <tmueller@chartwell.org> wrote:

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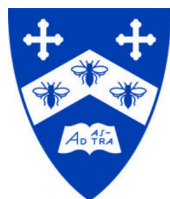
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Hi Muhammad,
I recommend looking at Richard Anderson's tool, if you can. I've used Rubicon Atlas at my prior school, but haven't used it in some time.

That said, Topher's note about school structure and support is a critical one - if your school isn't ready to handle the regular updating and maintenance of the information in the system, then it will be a waste. Too many curriculum mapping efforts at schools start out hot and then fade into the background, getting outdated very quickly.

Best,
Tye

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Hi Tye and Tatyana,

Richard's tool looks very promising, as it lives within the Google environment - though my first concern is that significant Google updates have broken such tools in the past when they rely on scripts throughout the apps. I think we'd all wonder if you've been using it for long and if something like this has come up? TIA!

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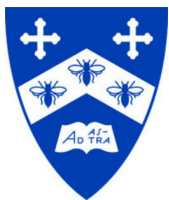
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Great thought, Topher. While I haven't used Richard's tool myself, I know others have and it's been around for a number of years now. If we do cross that bridge to attempt curriculum mapping again (it comes up every couple of years), then we'll be seriously looking at it.

Best,
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Honestly, I think Richard would be the best person to speak to this. Are you at the Richard? :-) Perhaps a demo and refresher for interested parties might be in order. I'd be willing to support such an event.

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Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 5:24 PM

Hi all,

Yes. We've been at it for 6 years now. I've recently simplified the approach by consolidating many of the steps. I am sitting on some new video documentation that I'm in the process of editing, where I coach via Zoom someone whom I had never met through all of the steps, including the internal add-on deployment successfully. I hope to have it ready to share in about a week. I'm also happy to facilitate a refresher for those interested. Not sure what the best approach is for assembling a group of interested people, but I'll have a lot of free time next week as it's our Spring Break.

Richard

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Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 6:24 PM

That's great!

Also correcting my typo: By "Are you at the Richard?", I meant to say "Are you out there Richard?" :)

Hoping that a mini-curriculum mapping summit comes together in the coming weeks.

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Too late, Tatyana. I've already begun using the phrase "at the Richard!" For example, "that concert was at the Richard!" Have you used the new Windows Defender? It is at the Richard!" That Corvette is at the Richard!!!"

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Curriculum mapping, when done, is at the Richard!

I'm interested in sitting in on a tutorial on how this add-on works.

Oren

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I'm currently at the Richard. Here's the latest documentation with Parts 2 and Part 3 to come. They just need to be edited and linked to the doc. The idea being a one-pager and 3 videos you can follow along with in your deployment.

Curriculum Mapping with Google Workspace Getting Started

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We use Atlas and technically, it is a very easy-to-use system for faculty. Our admin team seems to find it very useful, and we do allow parents a view-only access to certain parts of unit maps so they can get a glimpse of the full curriculum their child is learning, though I can't say how many parents actually take advantage of it. To reinforce what Topher said, support (mainly in terms of time) and structure (making it clear what needs to be filled in and how) are super important for this work, in addition to faculty buy-in as they are the ones that ultimately have to do the mapping. It was a real slog for us, but I imagine it can be better.

Our faculty would not say that mapping work is at the Richard!

Tim

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We had similar problems of faculty buy-in and administration leadership on using Rubicon Atlas. It is an excellent, multi-feature tool, but only worth the money if there is serious buy-in.

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