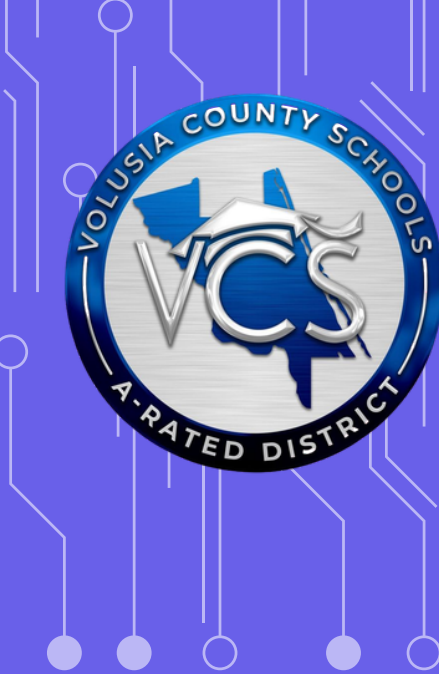




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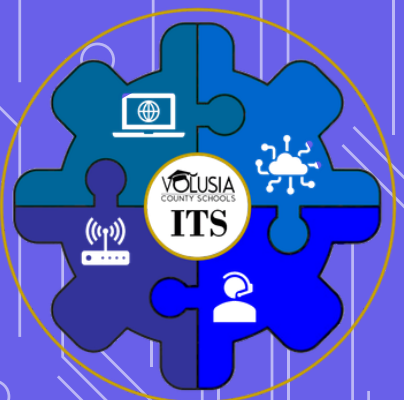
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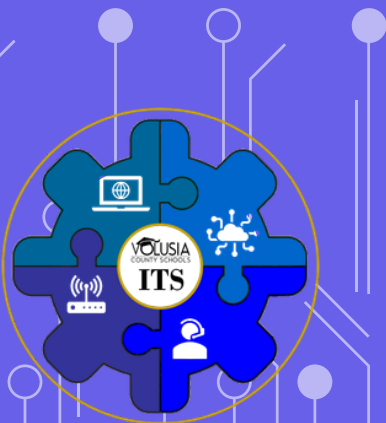
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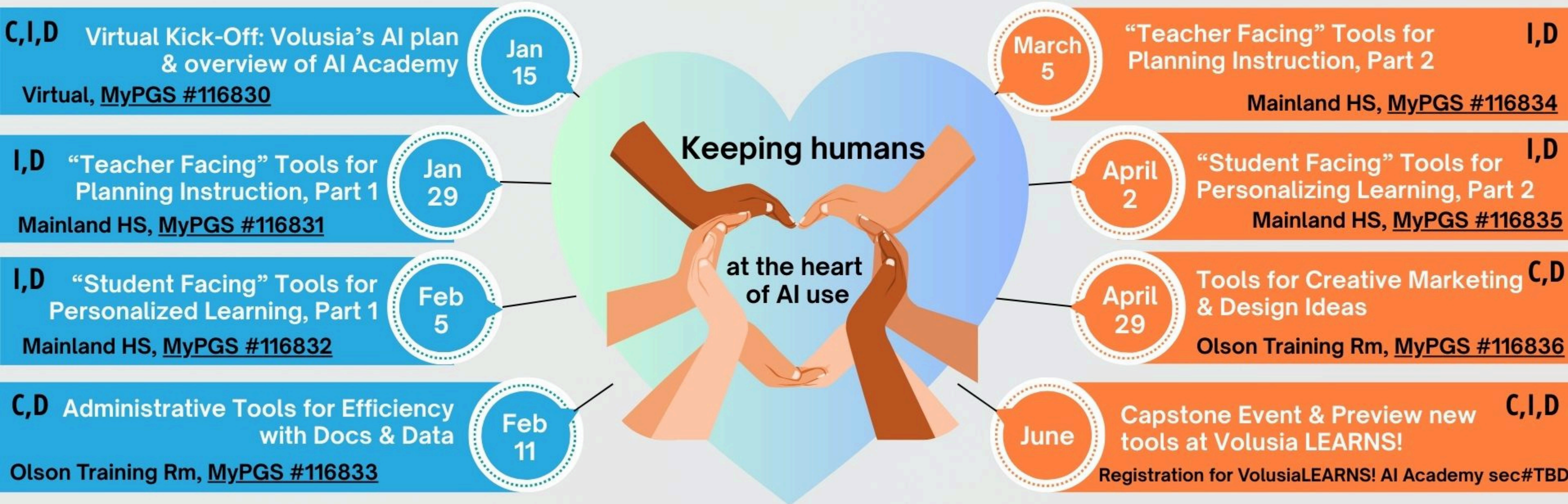
Microsoft Learning Accelerators are important because they provide personalized, inclusive practice with real-time feedback that helps students strengthen essential skills like reading, math, research, and speaking. They also build student confidence and independence by helping learners track their progress, close skill gaps, and develop future-ready skills for school, college, and careers.



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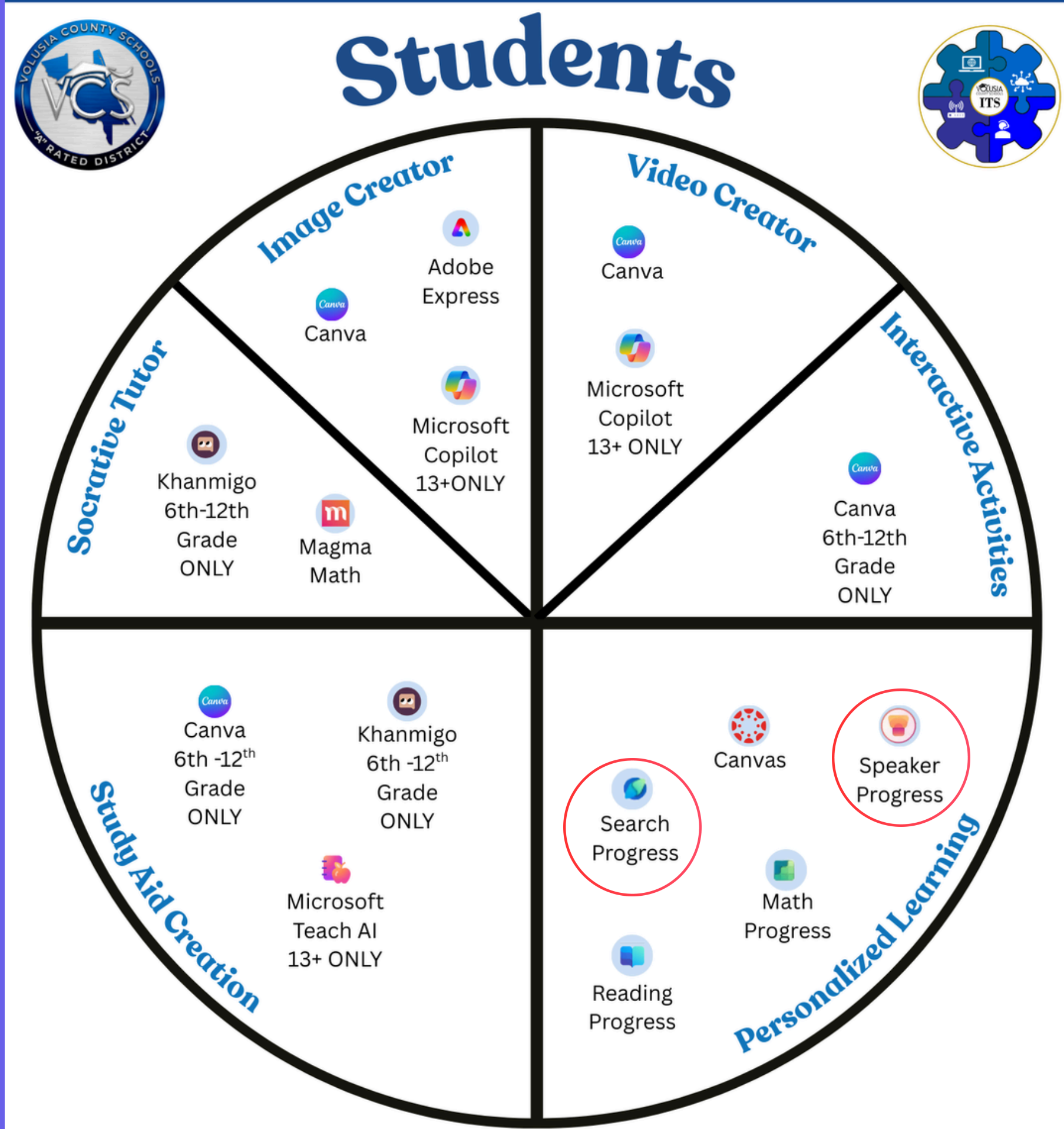
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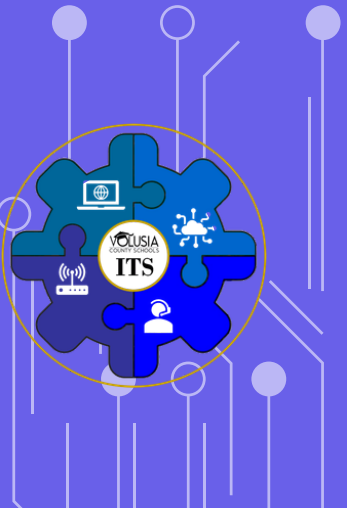
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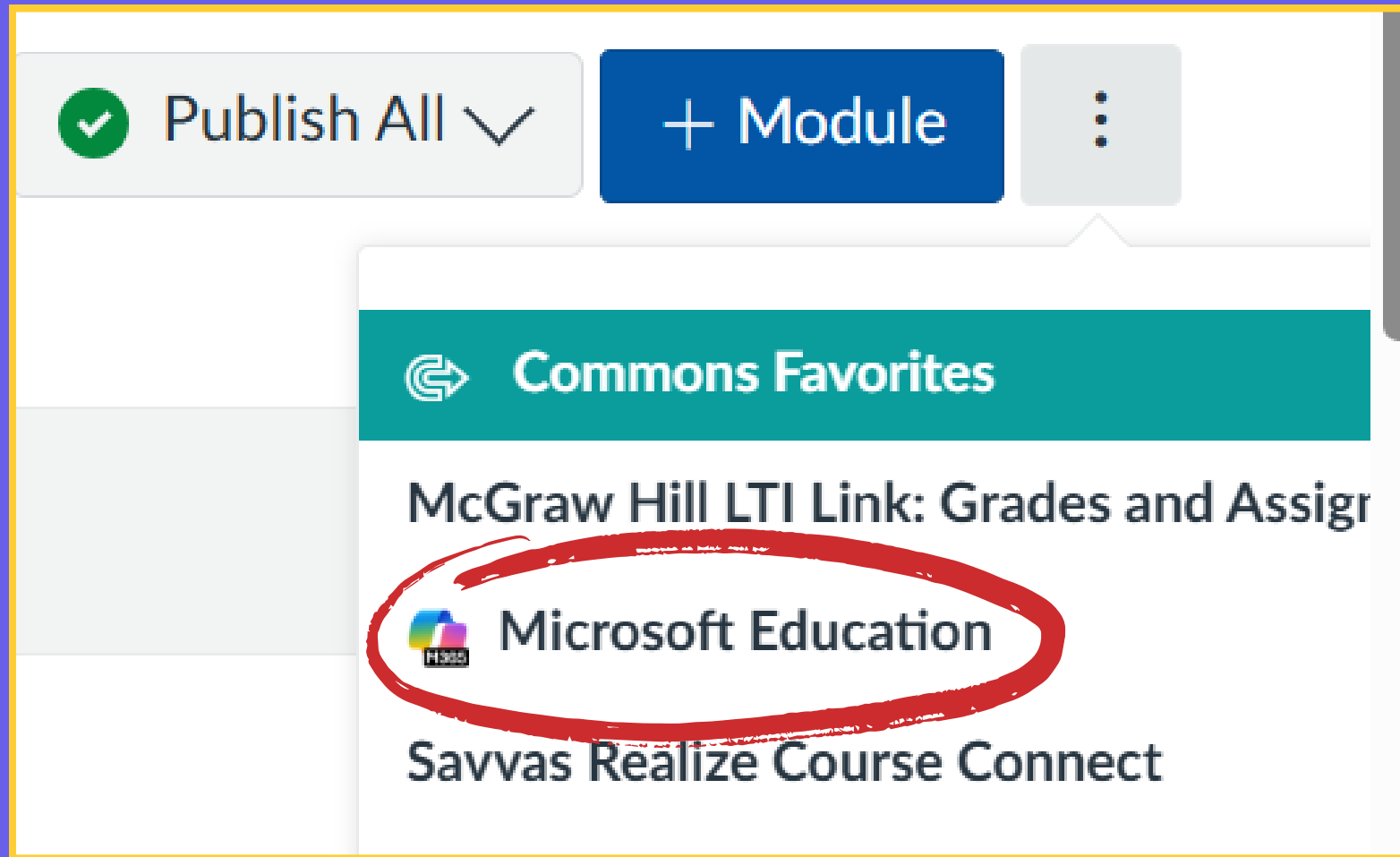
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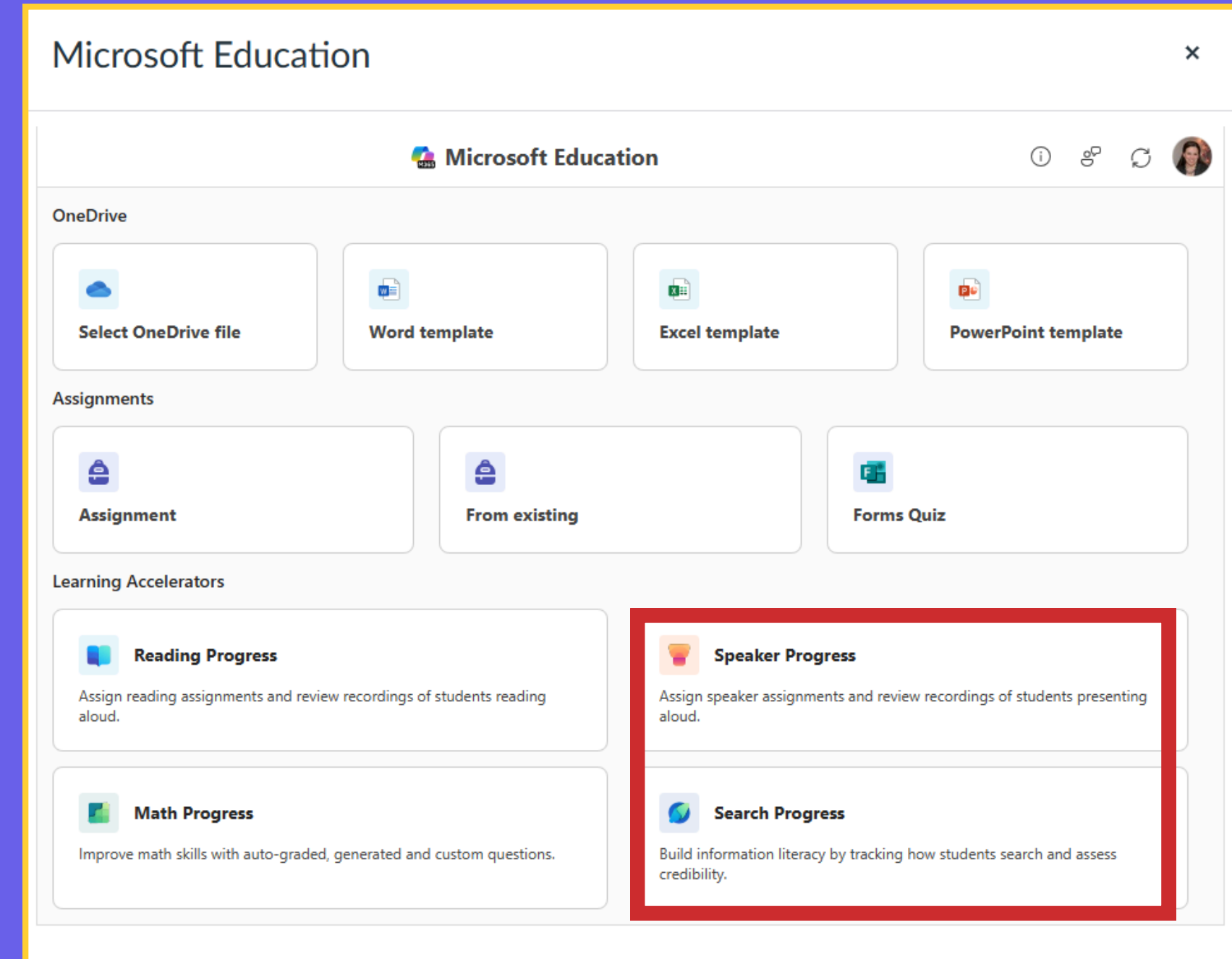
✦ Experience these tools as a student.
Have you been added to this Canvas course
as a student?



Microsoft's Learning Accelerators are in Canvas



(teacher view)



Directions to
set up
in Canvas

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Welcome to Microsoft Education

Discover a smarter teaching experience

Microsoft Education brings together tools that simplify your workflow and support student success.



Use Learning Accelerators
Practice assignments with real-time coaching.

Learn more



Create meetings
Schedule and join meetings with your students.

Learn more



Digital notebooks and files
Access your OneNote notebooks and files.

Learn more



You're almost there!
Select your preferred apps to finish setting up your experience.

Continue setup →



Learning Accelerators

Catch up, and get ahead with a new category of learning tools included in Microsoft 365

Benefits

STUDENT



Real-time coaching

- Immediate personalized student coaching and practice



Inclusive by design

- Students can practice where they feel most comfortable
- Built in accessibility so every student can fully participate



Save time

- Easy to use interface to provide direct student feedback
- Built into assignments

EDUCATOR



Actionable insights

- Track progress
- See where students are challenged & excelling
- Get holistic view of your students

Skills & Tools

FOUNDATIONAL



Reading Fluency

Reading Progress & Reading Coach



Numeracy

Math Progress* & Math Coach*



Well-being

Microsoft Reflect



Information Literacy

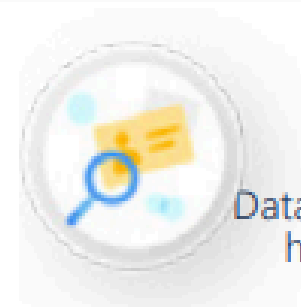
Search Progress* & Search Coach



Presentation

Speaker Progress* & Speaker Coach

Education Insights



Data from Learning Accelerator tools are automatically available in Education Insights for a more holistic view of each student at the individual, class, grade, school, and organization level.



Figure 1: Graphic showcasing the Learning Accelerators' benefits, skill areas, and tools, and their impact on learning.

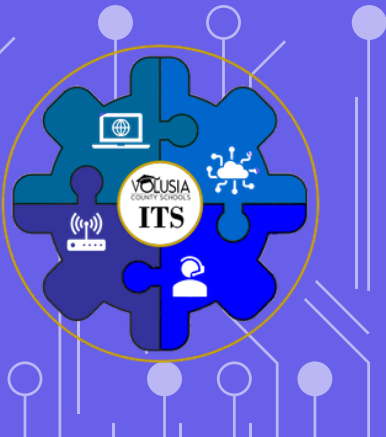
Why These Two Tools Work Better Together

 Search Progress	 Speaker Progress
Builds inquiry & research skills	Builds communication & confidence
Focuses on literacy skills	Focuses on how students explain learning
Teacher sees thinking process	Teacher hears understanding



Together, they support:

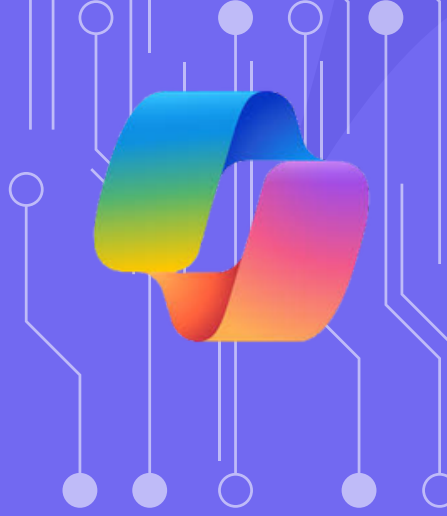
- Critical thinking
- Information literacy
- Academic language
- Student voice



Research → Speak → Reflect



FEEDBACK & REFLECTION



What felt challenging?

What surprised you?

What questions came up?



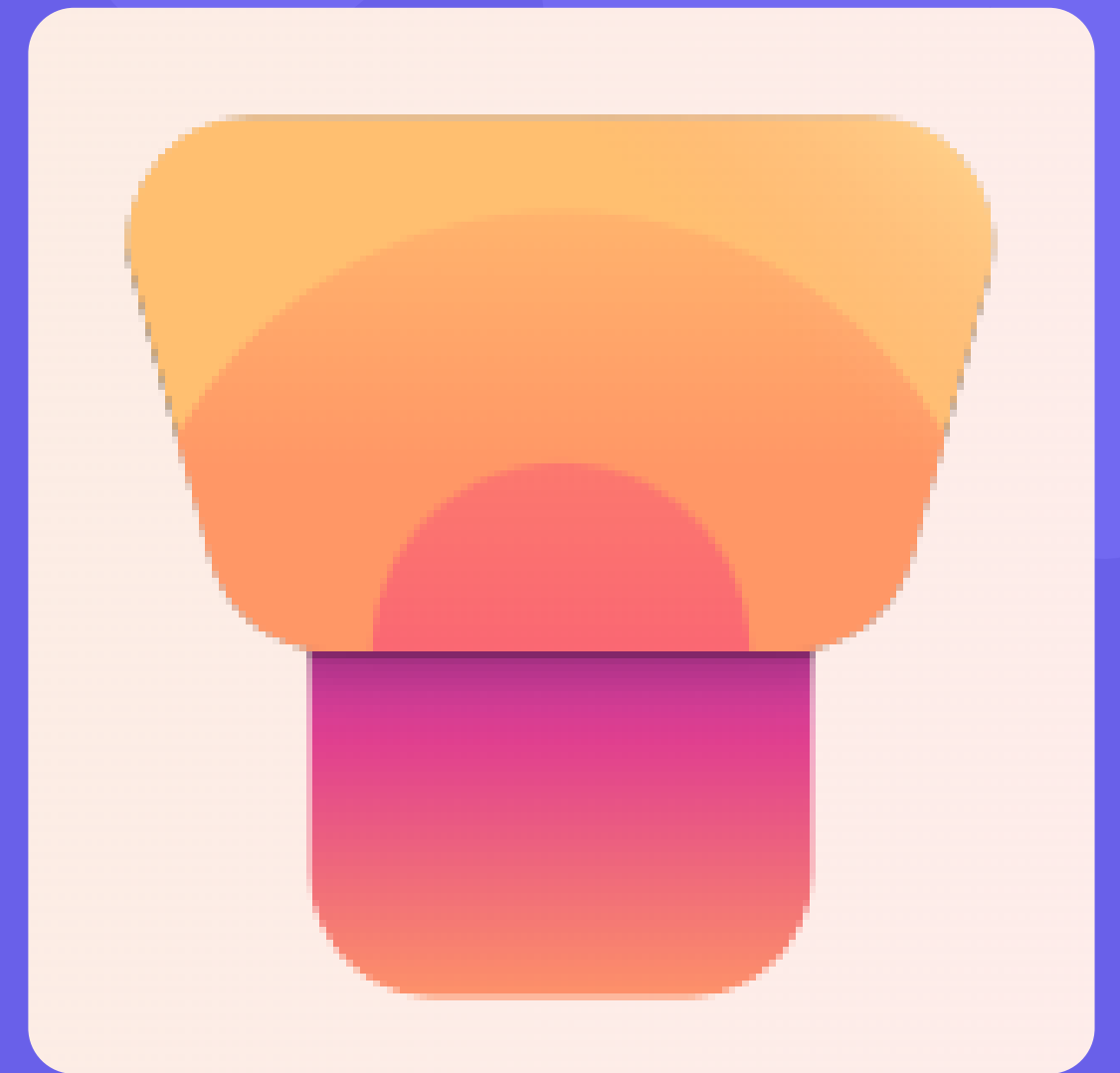
What worked well with students?





Microsoft's Speaker Progress

- ✦ Helps students build confidence and fluency in speaking by providing AI-powered, private practice with immediate feedback on pace, pitch, pronunciation, and filler words. For teachers, it saves time by automatically generating actionable insights and progress data, making it easier to assess speaking skills and target instruction.



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Get started with **Speaker Progress**!

Speaker Progress helps students build confidence in their presentation skills with real-time AI powered coaching. Whether you have 2 minutes or an hour to spare, learn how to unleash the full power of Speaker Progress with our supporting materials.

Become a Speaker Progress expert with these resources.

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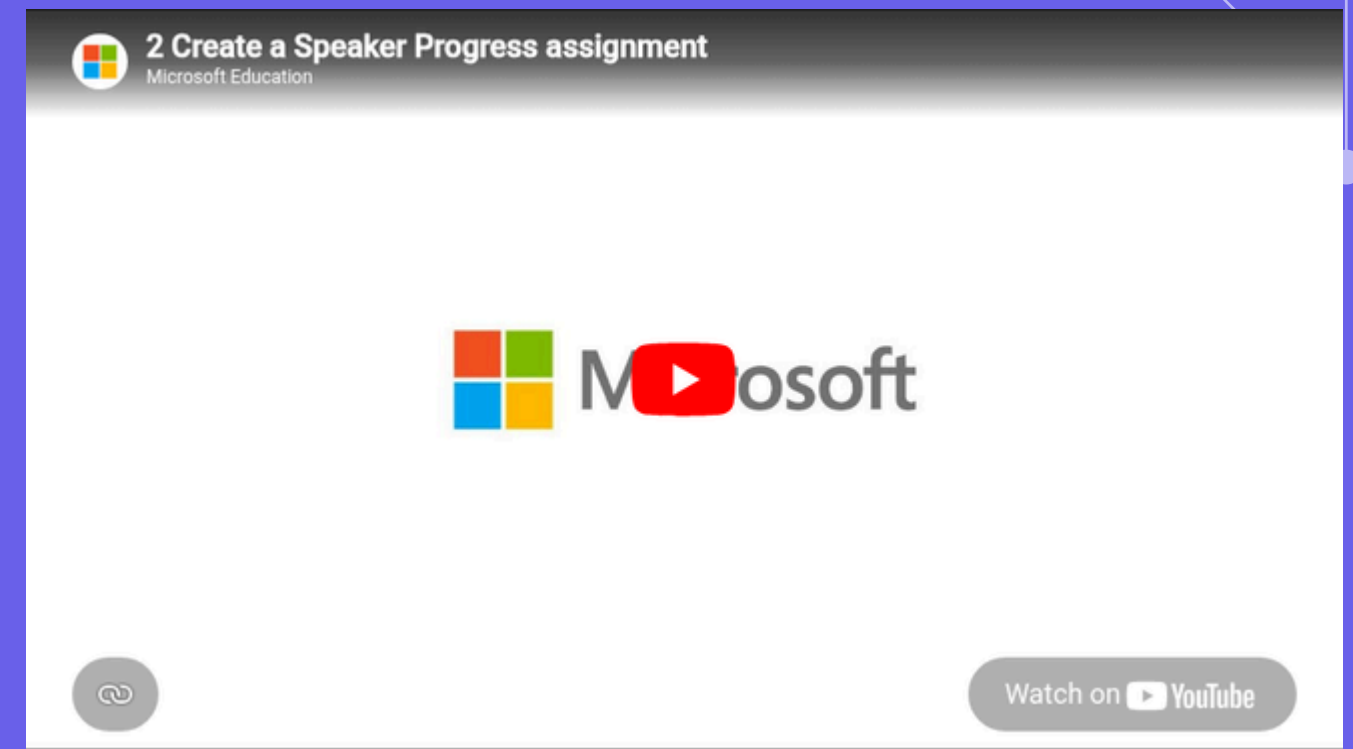
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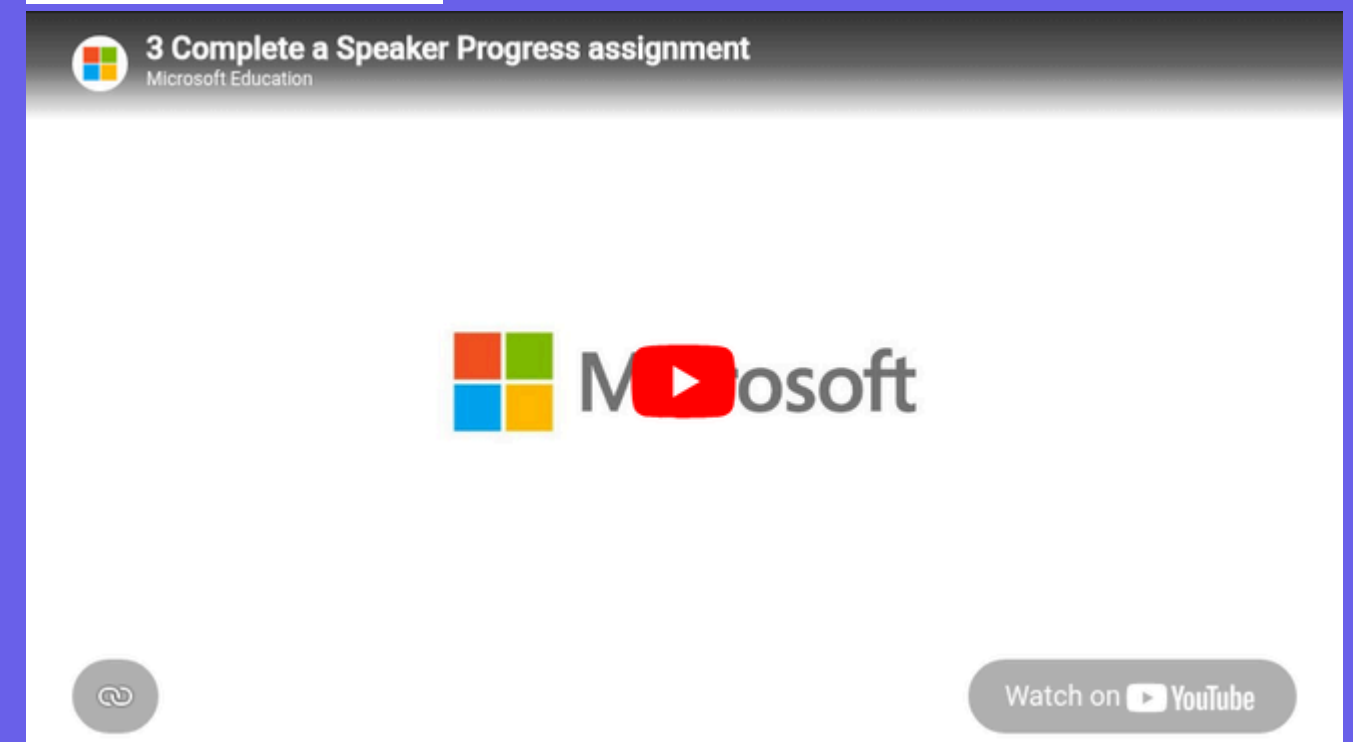
Develop confident presenters with Speaker Progress

1 hr • Module • 11 Units

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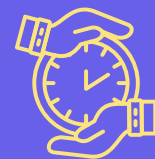
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In Speaker Progress, students independently record a speech for you to review and receive real-time coaching and feedback while presenting. You can track presentation skills at the individual, class, grade, and school levels.

Speaker Progress contains AI generated coaching tips and feedback which may occasionally include inaccuracies or unexpected results. Please use the information provided with caution and verify details independently.



Speaker Progress can help with:



Saving you time so you can spend more time supporting students.



Tracking student progress and identifying focus areas for support.



Giving students more opportunities for practice with real-time coaching.



Microsoft's Search Progress

- ✦ Helps students build digital literacy by guiding them through a structured research process with checkpoints, reflection, and feedback rather than just focusing on the final answer. For teachers, it provides visibility into students' thinking and progress over time, making it easier to support skill development, give targeted feedback, and assess research skills more effectively.



What's the difference between Search Coach and Search Progress?



Search Coach

- Standalone app that learners can access any time
- Provides educators with time-boxed Insights for both individual learners and the class as a whole

Use cases

- Real-time instructional activities in class
- Ad-hoc, learner-driven research



Search Progress

- Built into Teams Assignments, with assignment-level insights
- Allows educators to create and assign research projects where learners use Search Coach in a structured environment to gather sources and reflect on their selections

Use cases

- Asynchronously create and grade practice assignments on a specific topic, with unique visibility into students' research processes

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Build information literacy into any assignment by tracking how students use search, assess credibility, and collect citations — all powered by Search Coach.

With Search Progress, students can:

- 🔍 Search without advertisements in a safe environment
- 🛡️ "Show their work" assessing credibility of each saved source
- 🌐 Share reflections on their search history and saved sources
- 🔗 Practice using real filters that work in Bing, Google, and more

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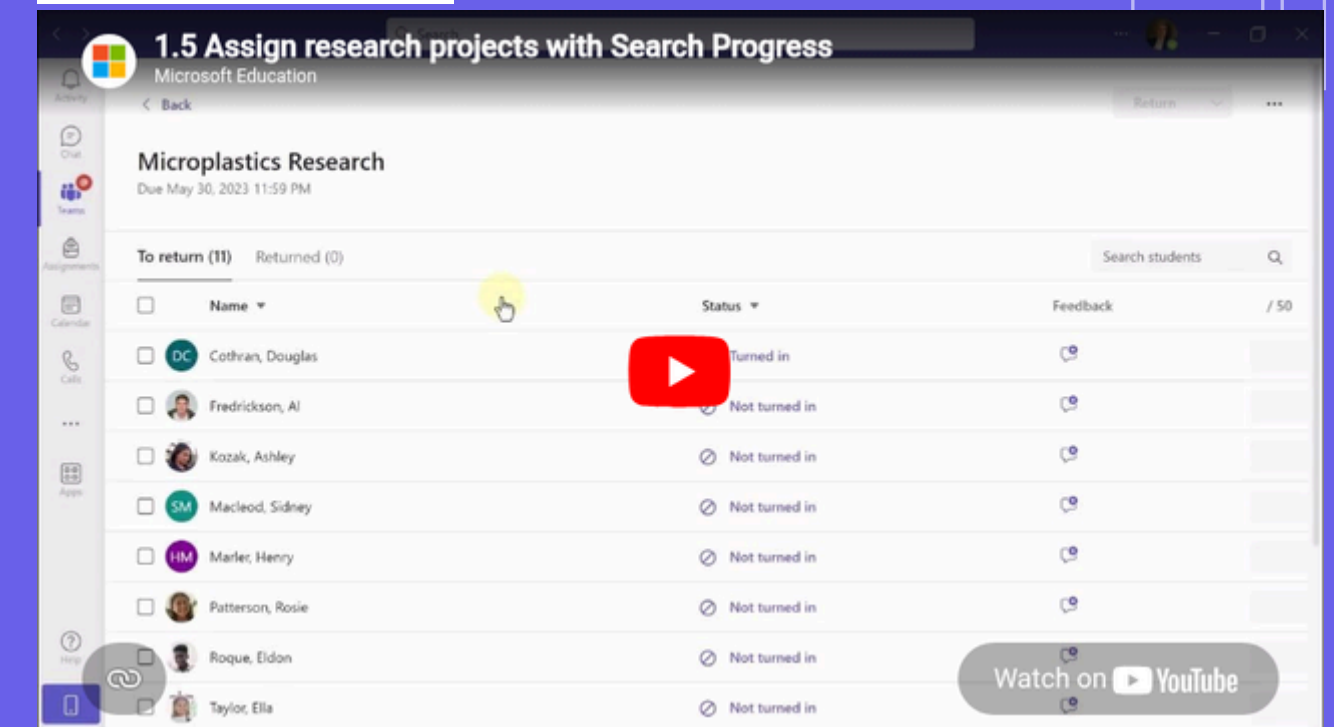
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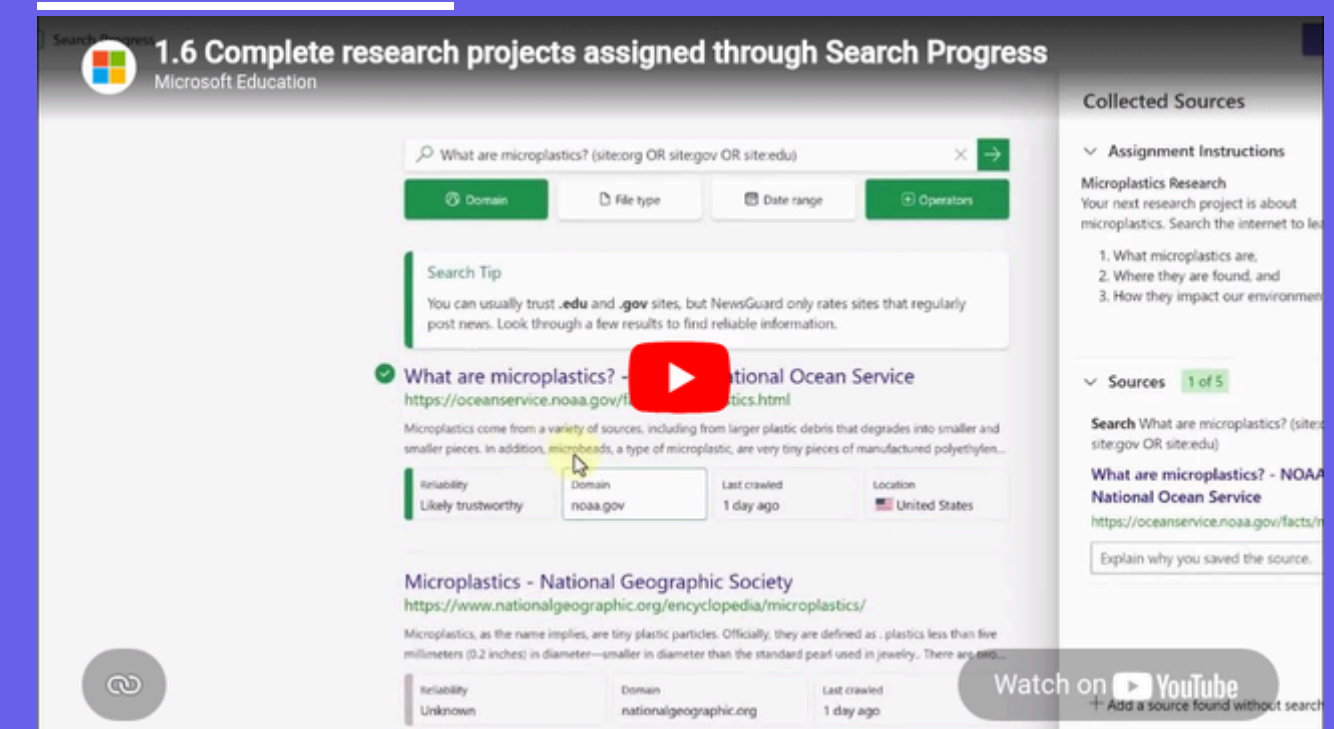
Develop search strategies with Search Coach and Search Progress

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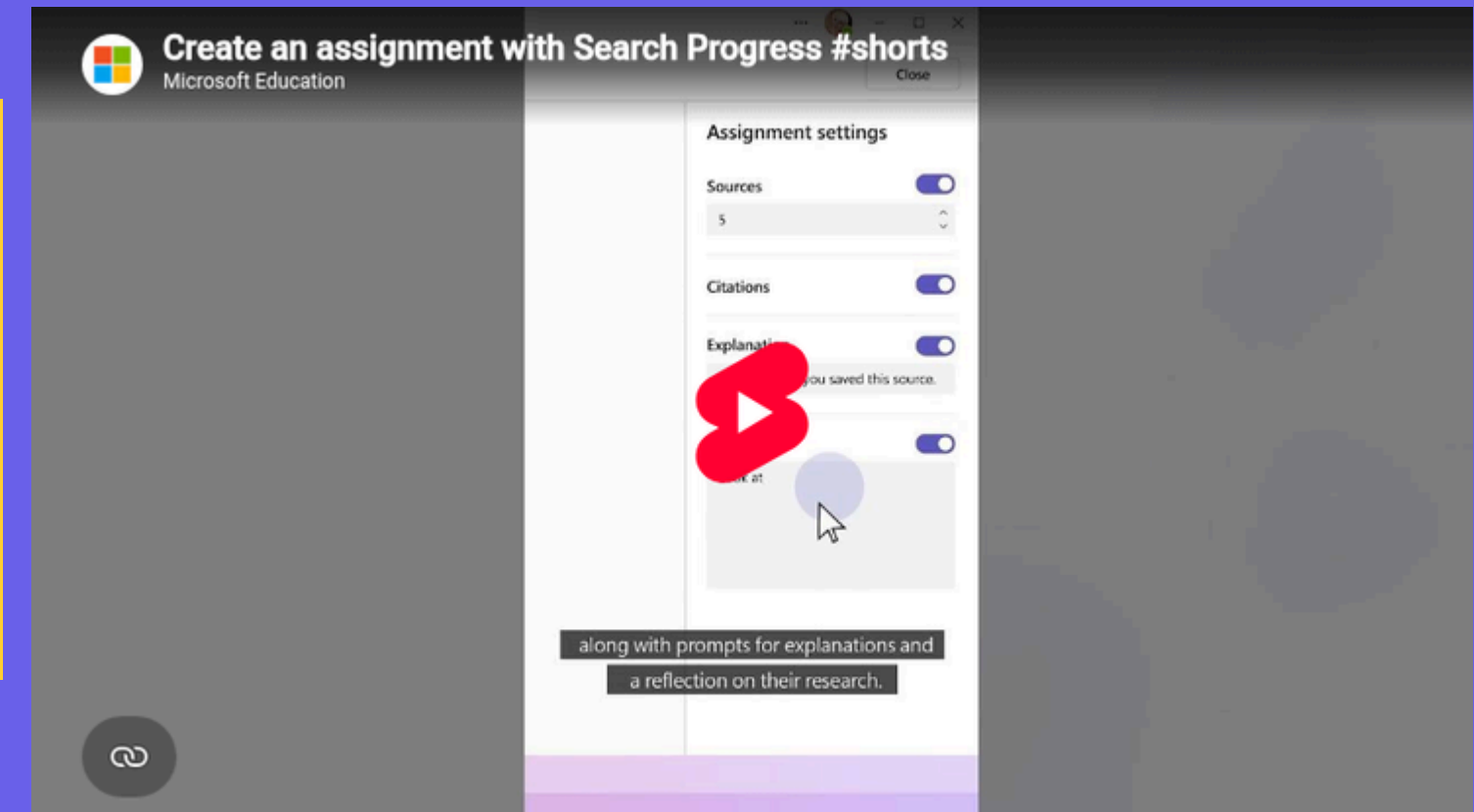
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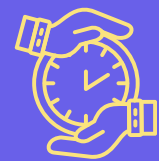


Learn more about improving search literacy

Did you know you can *always* get insights into student search behavior, even if you aren't using Assignments?



Expand beyond assignments by diving into Search Coach.



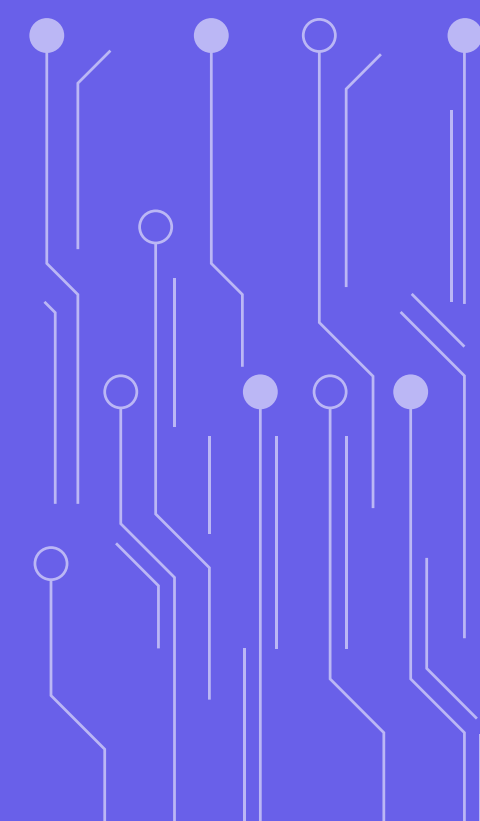
Learn the basics of Search Coach, the tool that powers Search Progress.



To provide anytime access to students and get insights on how they're using it, add Search Coach as a tab app.



Learn how to build a lesson with Search Coach outside of assignments.



Student view message:

About Search Progress

Why use Search Progress?

Good research is a superpower. Search Progress helps you learn how to find trustworthy information and think critically about what you see online — skills you will use for the rest of your life.

It's powered by **Search Coach**, giving you an ad-free place to practice asking the right questions with easy access to operators, domain filters, and more.

Note to students

Your teacher will see your searches, explanations, and investigations for this assignment so they can help you build these important skills.

