AI Academy Kick-off Participation Validation – Fill out form

Volusia AI Academy 2026

Unlock the Future of Teaching: Reading Progress and Reading Coach



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"Creating life-long learners prepared for an ever-changing global society."

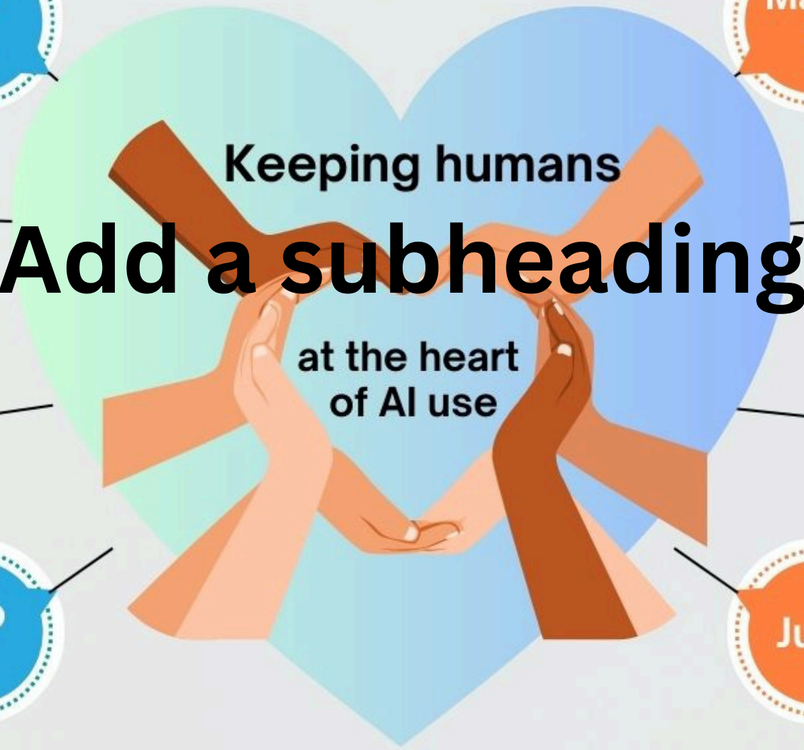
Achieve an "AI Accomplished" microcredential, become a Tech Showcase Classroom and earn up to 13 in-service credits.

C,I,D Virtual Kick-Off: Volusia's AI plan & overview of AI Academy
Virtual, MyPGS #116830 — Jan 15

I,D "Teacher Facing" Tools for Planning Instruction, Part 1
Mainland HS, MyPGS #116831 — Jan 29

I,D "Student Facing" Tools for Personalized Learning, Part 1
Mainland HS, MyPGS #116832 — Feb 5

C,D Administrative Tools for Efficiency with Docs & Data
Olson Training Rm, MyPGS #116833 — Feb 11



March 5 — **I,D** "Teacher Facing" Tools for Planning Instruction, Part 2
Mainland HS, MyPGS #116834

April 2 — **I,D** "Student Facing" Tools for Personalizing Learning, Part 2
Mainland HS, MyPGS #116835

April 29 — **C,D** Tools for Creative Marketing & Design Ideas
Olson Training Rm, MyPGS #116836

June 9 — **C,I,D** Capstone Event & Preview new tools at Volusia LEARNS!
Mainland HS, MyPGS #117735 12-1:20pm

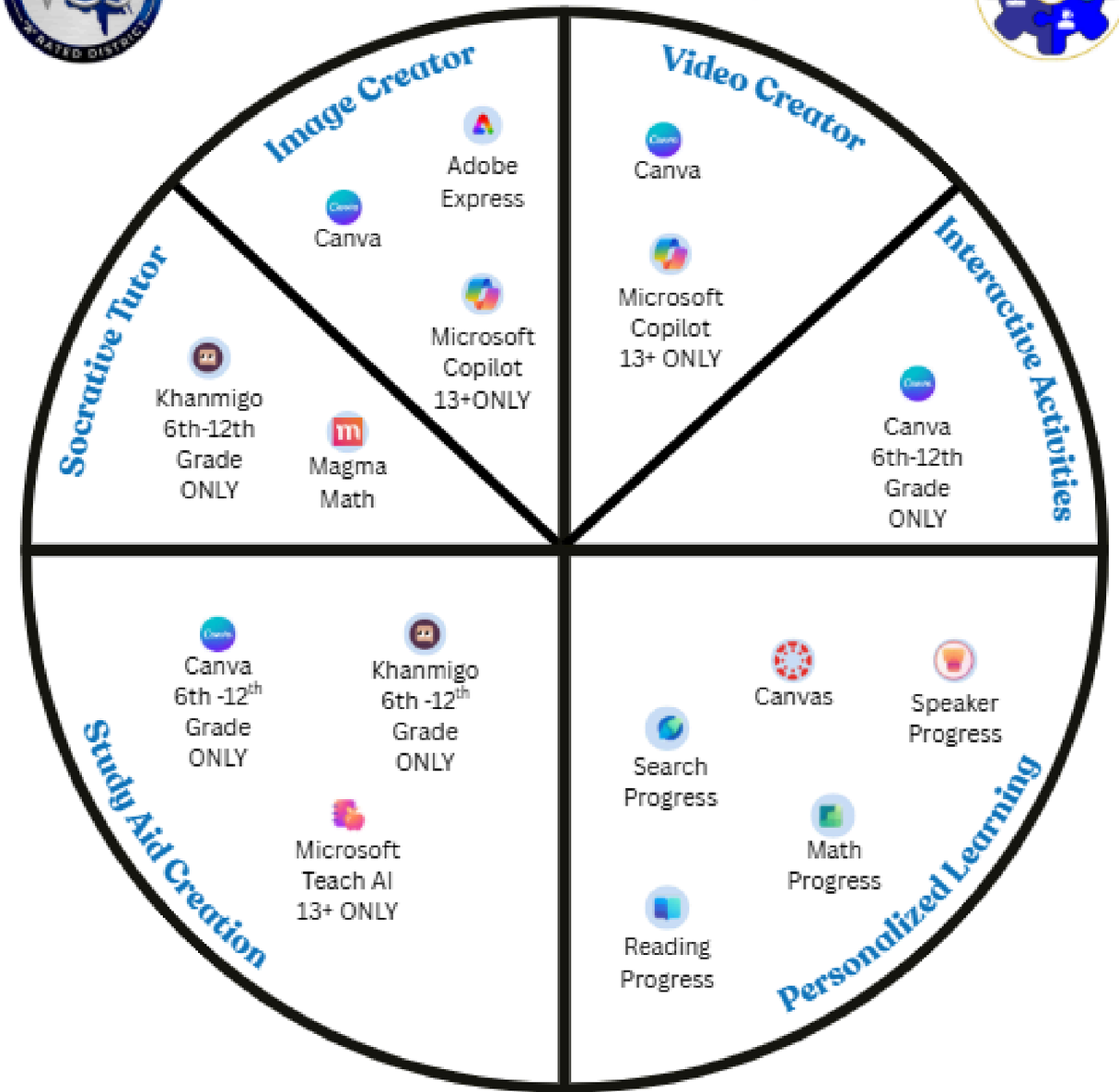
REGISTER NOW!

All clerical (C), instructional (I) and district (D) staff are encouraged to participate. Sessions are labeled with target audience. Go to MyPGS for session descriptions and register. Choose to attend one or all sessions. **ALL are WELCOME!**

The ITS EdTech team is ready to assist & respond to any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.
Email: edtechall@groups.volusia.k12.fl.us, message us on Teams or dial #51613

VCS-SUPPORTED AI TOOLS

Students



READING PROGRESS & READING COACH



READING PROGRESS



[Video Link]

READING COACH



[Video Link]

STORY TIME



Feedback...



"Loved seeing the results and helped me to see who needed more help."

"Students liked seeing the results too. They were a little surprised. Some of them thought they were having more trouble with the passage than they actually were."

"The students had fun!"

Which Tool Should I Use When?

Instructional Goal	Reading Progress	Reading Coach
Fluency checks	✓	–
Independent Practice	✓	✓
Student self-reflection	–	✓
Teacher feedback	✓	–
Low-pressure practice	✓	✓
Integrated into Canvas (multiple teachers can view data)	✓	✓
Stand alone in VPortal (one teacher can view data)	–	✓

CLASSROOM SNAPSHOTS

Elementary: Fluency practice during literacy centers

Secondary ELA: Cold reads + self-reflection using Reading Coach

Intervention: Repeated reads + progress monitoring

ESE / MTSS: Low-pressure oral reading with replay enabled

WHAT HAPPENED SINCE LAST TIME?



REFLECTION

- WHAT SURPRISED YOU?
- WHAT QUESTIONS CAME UP?
- WHAT WORKED WELL WITH STUDENTS?
- WHAT FELT CHALLENGING?



star feedback that you agree with

Respond to feedback that you have something to add.

Data That Actually Matters

beyond “Look at the Dashboard”

- Identifying patterns (pace, accuracy, expression)
- Grouping students for targeted support
- Setting student goals (“increase WPM by X”)
- Conferencing conversations using playback clips

Built-In Accessibility Supports

These tools support all learners – without creating separate pathways

- Immersive Reader features
- Multilingual support
- Replay before submit
- Reduced anxiety for reluctant readers

Let's be a student

We are going to experience Reading Progress & Reading Coach as a student.



READING PROGRESS BENEFITS

Personalized Learning

personalized reading experiences that build students' confidence and fluency

Efficient Formative Assesment

facilitates more regular and less disruptive fluency checks

Data-Driven Insights

data on student progress through Insights dashboard in Teams

READING PROGRESS BENEFITS

Differientiate Instruction

reading materials based on individual student levels and needs

Time-Saving

Automates the collection and organization of data

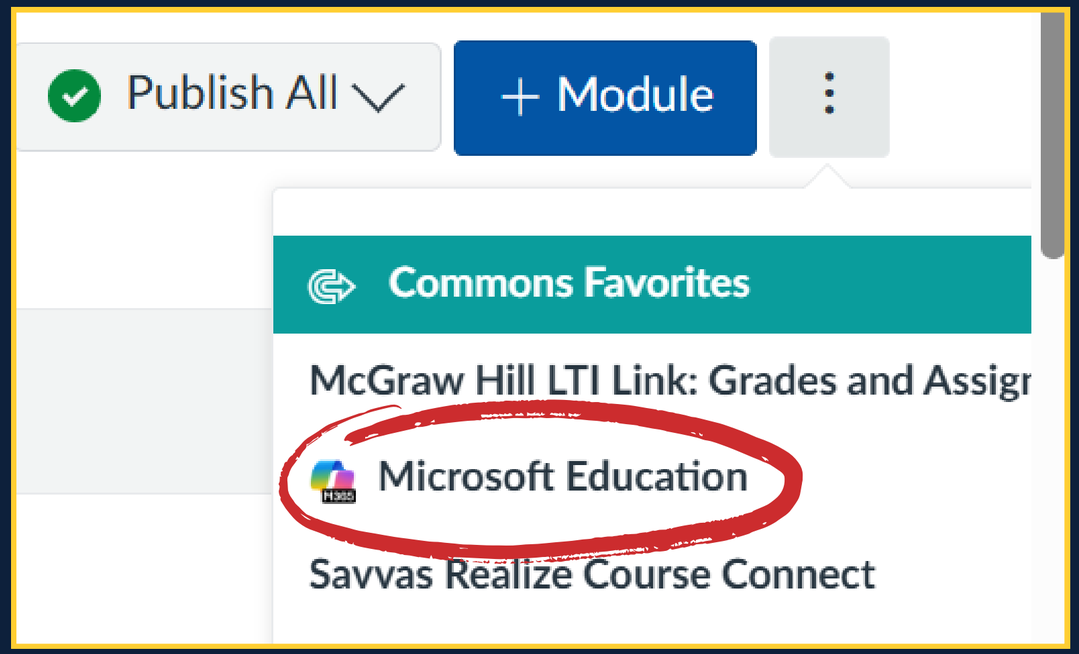
Student Empowerment

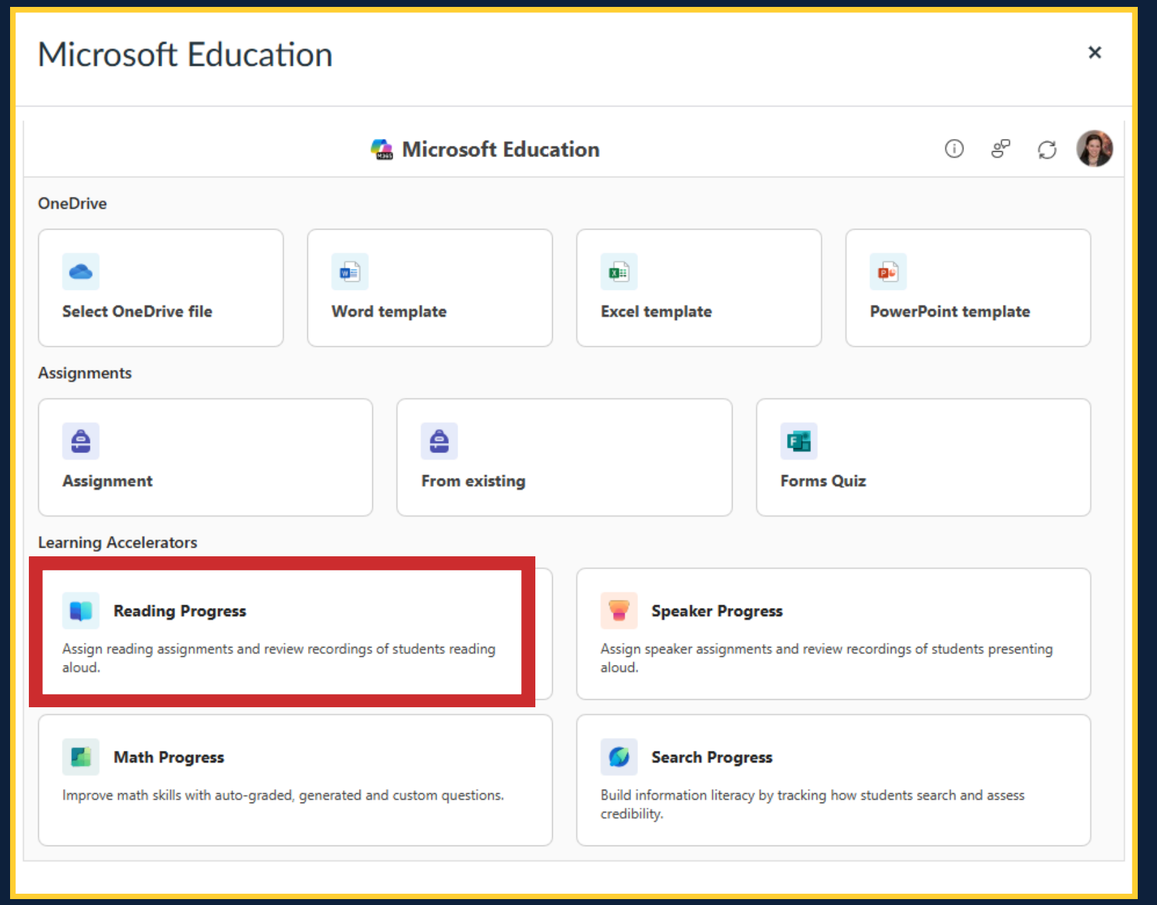
Encourages students to practice independently, reducing performance pressure

Let's create a Sample!

We are going to create an assignment experience in Reading Progress as a teacher.

Microsoft’s Learning Accelerators are in Canvas





Microsoft Education

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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!

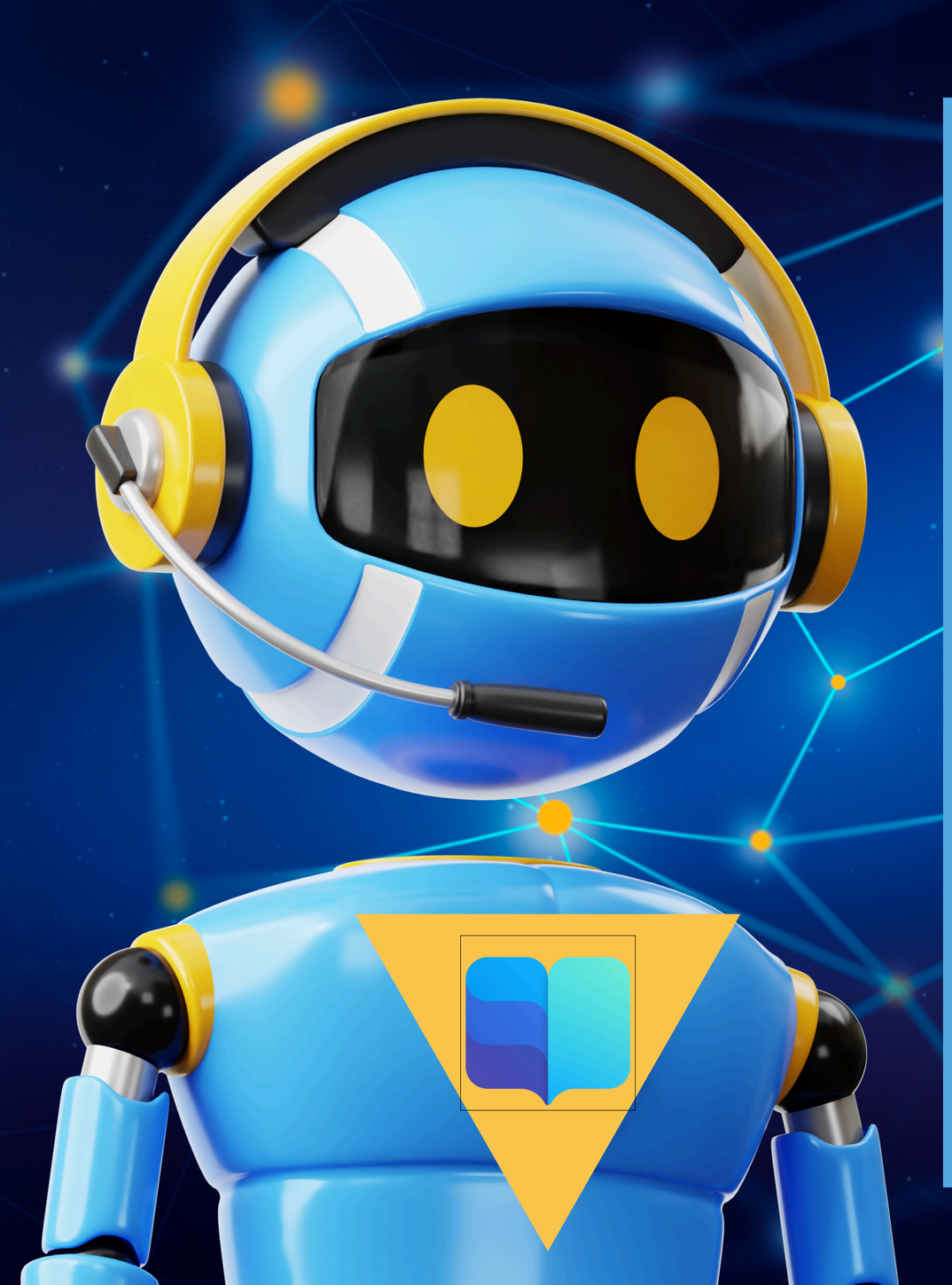
Select your preferred apps to finish setting up your experience.

Continue setup →

Directions to set up in Canvas

Let's Look at the Data

What Insights are available when students have completed the Reading Progess assignments



AI ASSISTANT!

- Directions
- Comprehension Questions
- Rubrics

SELF-PACED TRAINING

Go to the ITS EdTech Professional Learning Menu tile to sign up for Reading Progress training or other offerings!



Which Learning Accelerator will you focus on?



See you on June 9, 2026 at Mainland from 12–1:20 pm for the celebration of AI Academy.

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