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As a 10th grade English/Language Arts Teacher, I find MyAccess! to be an indispensable writing program. MyAccess! allows me to control when students can access the program, saves me valuable hours of grading, and provides immediate feedback to students.

With the relatively new Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in writing, I make every effort to provide simulated testing conditions and MyAccess! enables me to do just that! I can set the program's parameters to when the students are specifically scheduled into my class, thus simulating true "cold write" testing conditions. I can then adjust the time that students can reenter the program to edit their initial submission.

Evaluating essays can be the most daunting task of an ELA teacher. With simulated testing conditions, I am able to submit required students' pre-writing scores to the district immediately! Having been an ELA teacher for 27 years, this has been the first writing program to save me umpteen hours of grading I have ever come across. The school district has another program built into its digital literature series, but requires me to read each submission individually and then assign a score according to the states rubric. Not so with MyAccess!

Lastly, when students are given the option of submitting their essay to MyAccess! versus the district's program, they prefer MyAccess! The district's program solely provides information regarding the percentage of plagiarism. While students submitting essays via MyAccess!, they receive instantaneous invaluable feedback. The program delineates grammar and usage errors, along with remediation/tutorial suggestions as to self-edit/ improve their initial submission.

Authentic and "good" writing requires explicit teacher-lead instruction. MyAccess! allows the instructor to deliver tailored and differentiated instruction in a more timely rate. After initial teacher-lead instruction, I attribute a portion of my students writing success to MyAccess!

Respectfully,

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