

Our Tech Tuesday Tip: GradeCam or TechSham?

First, what is GradeCam? It is basically an online ScanTron, where students receive bubble sheets that can be easily graded from a document camera, computer camera, or phone.

Should I use it? Here is one review:

"GradeCam is a great way to quickly grade multiple-choice assessments and get instant reports to monitor student progress. The ability for teachers and students to see test results immediately provides a built-in method to check for understanding. This type of instant feedback is very useful in helping students master certain concepts. Teachers will also have the opportunity to modify their curriculum accordingly. And when students score their own assessments, they can ask questions to clarify their understanding of difficult content.

It's important to note, however, that while GradeCam can be a big time-saver, it promotes the use of multiple-choice assessments, wherein the depth of learning may be limited. Nevertheless, having students score their own tests may increase buy-in as well as effort. And GradeCam can save teachers time in scoring basic assessments -- one of the more tedious parts of the job. This can mean more time developing curriculum, collaborating, and working directly with students to promote deeper learning."

Sitkin, J. (2017, August 02). GradeCam - Review For Teachers. Retrieved

from <https://www.common sense.org/education/website/gradecam>

With access to Canvas, we have the ability to create online assessments and projects that can be easily graded. Some of the great features of GradeCam are:

- its ability to connect with online grading systems,
- it gives immediate feedback to the student and teacher,
- it gives valuable assessment overview reports, and
- questions can be tied to the standards you are covering in class.

Before you make your final decision to use it, talk with your PLC members who have used it before. Also, here is an article that might help:

<https://gradecam.com/2018/07/7-habits-of-highly-effective-teachers-who-use-technology/>