

November 2004 Idaho CPS Users' Survey

I've been invited to present a session on using CPS in Idaho classrooms in February. What would you recommend I tell Superintendents and Technology Coordinators about your classroom and CPS? Do you have any success stories or have you discovered any benefits to you and your students?

Have you had to overcome any obstacles in your classroom to use CPS? If so, please explain.

Have you used the sample ISAT questions? If so, how have they been helpful to you and your students? If I can get them edited and cleaned up, would you be interested in a new copy?

Are you using ExamView questions with CPS? If so, how often and in what way are you using the ExamView questions?

Great for quick reviews. Cuts down on administrative time. Use regularly for Friday testing. Allows me to spend more time teaching, less time assessing mastery of material. Also allows more time for writing.

The ease of cheating.

Yes, I have used sample ISAT questions. I'd be interested in a revised copy.

I did. Don't ask me why I don't. Since downloading the software from your website, haven't worked with it.

Kids like it. They are actively engaged.

Find money to buy LCD projectors

Yes, we have used them and created our own. You bet, we would be interested in a new copy.

Our math teachers are.

I have been using it "on the fly" lately for review for a test. I have the students write the questions! Then I have a bank of student generated questions to use for the test.

Large classes, I needed additional "blue clickers"

No, Yes

Yes, about every two weeks. One of the things I do is to have Examview scramble the questions for each class, and then just name them with the period number. Each period gets a "different" test.

It's a technology tool that works. Since co-teaching with another person in a multiage classroom, we have never had had to expand our curriculum as much as we do this year. Last year, we used the CPS system to focus on language arts. Due to last year's success with our 1st graders (who are now 2nd graders), we have been forced to teach 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade language arts curriculum to our kids. Their language arts scores soared on the ISAT test this fall, and we've had to make many accomodations to meet their needs for growth. We've never had a set of 2nd graders who have remembered and learned so much in the fall, to where we've had to work harder at teaching curriculum. We truly believe it's because of the use of teh CPS System.

We purposely did NOT use the CPS system the first 6 weeks of the school year. We did not want our 2nd graders to have an advantage on the ISAT tests in any way. Their scores still proved that learning took place the previous spring when we were just 'testing' the system out!! I don't know if this could be considered an obstacle or not....

ALL the time!!! We've used the sample ISAT questions to create a challenge board as a pretest. The questions are carefully selected to correspond with the point value as well as the RIT score of the question. As we play the challenge board, we take note of the mistakes, and then spend the next couple of weeks creating our own data base to address these weaknesses.

What's this???? Is it something I should be using????

i would tell the supt. how user friendly this system is, and with all the testing that is taking place- this is indispensible to have.

like any new program, you cant learn it from textbook-you have to play with it and use it to figure out all the bugs.

no

no

I can demonstrate their effectiveness for you. As a novice user, it took little time to setup and operate the system. Plus, in correlation to last year's assessments, I can tell you that the performance of my students jumped about 20%. I attribute it to having instant feedback and all class participation instead of the 'just a show of hands.' This is one of the best purchases that I've made.

I haven't found anything that isn't easy to resolve but I'll be working with the CPS more for exam purposes soon. The only thing that is frustrating at times is the size of my classroom. Those that are furthest away have to adjust their seating / location to have their answers registered.

Unfortunately, no. The ISAT doesn't apply for my subject area as of yet.

We will be using them soon and I will report the findings to you.

<p>I have used my CPS for tests and it is great. The students get instant feedback, and so do I. Also, I had my class take notes over a social studies unit and then they had to write several questions which we then entered in and used the CPS to do a review activity over the unit.</p>	<p>yes, sometimes I don't have access to a computer and projector which means we can't use it. Also, because I don't use it all the time and use it with several different classes, handing out the "clickers" can be time consuming. I haven't come up with how I will do that differently.</p>	<p>I haven't used them yet, but plan to. I would love a new copy.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>I won't be using until January.</p>	<p>Not setting it up correctly. Finding the time to enter the material</p>	<p>Yes, to show other teachers the program.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>I haven't really used it enough yet to have good stories but the kids pay attention and seem to really love it.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes for the Chapter Reviews and Exams</p>
<p>Students are definitely engaged in learning.</p>	<p>Loading the system on the computer lab.</p>	<p>I'm only teaching one reading group part time. Can't locate the ISAT question disk in the building where I am, YES, I would like a copy for myself.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>I have found CPS to be a wonderful tool. It keeps all kids focused and engaged in learning. In math, it provides instant feedback, and I can reteach instantly on the smart board when several students miss a problem. It has been a great tool in reviewing for ISATS. One success story I would like to relate is the 6th grade girl who struggles in math but stayed in at lunch to practice math facts on there it is and was extremely excited when she was the one who received five extra points for having the first correct answer. Kids are just more excited and engaged in the learning process when I use CPS. I can use all the same questions I would on a normal test review, but if I play jeopardy they will all be involved and love it.</p>	<p>No, the only problem I have is finding time to create materials.</p>	<p>Yes, I have used the sample ISAT questions. I think they were very useful. It is nice having something made up and ready to use. I would be very interested in a new copy.</p>	<p>I have not used ExamView and am not sure if it is available for me to use. Our math books are from 1999. If this is something available to me that I don't know about, please let me know. I am always looking for good resources.</p>

I am a librarian, so I don't use the CPS units directly, except for my Library Skills class I teach for a few weeks of the year. But I do encourage teachers to use the CPS units because I know how much the students love them. We have had very few problems with them, and the ones we have had are easily overcome. My only wish is that more teachers would "brave it" for the first time. After that I know they would be hooked.

The best success story I have, is when my principal asked me to come up with a reward for the students that had read one million words. We decided to have a "clicker" party. We had the 3 grades compete against each other (about 100 students from each grade participated) I asked questions about children's books and authors. The students were sitting on the floor, in their grades. The first row of 10 students from each grade, clicked their answers, then they passed the clicker to the person sitting behind them to answer the second question, and so forth. They had a WILD and exciting time. The 6th graders were so exc

Mostly teachers just haven't plugged them in right.

I know many of our teachers use this, and I am sure that an edited copy would be appreciated. I keep them here in the library for check-out.

I don't know about this

The program is great, but I haven't had a chance to use it yet. We made up some questions, but haven't gotten started using them yet.

No

I haven't used them yet, but would be interested in a copy.

No

supplied remote was incompatible with my computer No they do not relate to my content area

Tell them that is not only useful for ISAT study questions but for coursework review and practice tests. Students love using the "clickers". When the entire class scores 100% on a question I give them all a piece of candy so they cheer each other on and expect good thinking from everyone. This helps eliminate the guessing.

Students tend to look at each others selection before they make their own selection (cheat). When I see this happen I have them take a pencil and paper test. I tell the students to try to be careful and hide their choice (cover their clickers)

I used the ISAT questions last year and I believe that it is responsible for the higher test scores of my students. I have edited questions as I have found problems. For the most part I think the questions are OK. If you add new questions I would like a new copy.

No, tell me about Exam View?

<p>Student have a better understanding of how to take a computerized test format when they have practiced thoruhgout the year on a CPS system.</p>	<p>We are still working on overcoming the obstacle of having enough time to create new test to use on the CPS system for our 4th and 5th grade students in order to use it more often in our classrooms.</p>	<p>The ISAT questions helped me to prepare my 4th graders for the test last spring. It was very helpful and I plan to use it again this spring.</p>
<p>Using the CPS system allows for me to help prepare students for the ISAT. We can display a question and as a class work through the problem and then allow students to choose an answer. This has been beneficial for our students especially in the second grade.</p>	<p>It is difficult to use with a TV. We find it much more advantageous to use a projector.</p>	<p>Yes and it has been useful for our students. Yes I would like a cleaned up copy. Not for sure what that is.</p>
<p>CPS engages students and makes them aware of their mastery level.</p>	<p>Yes, Just program normal trying to remember how to use the software problems. Finding, and filing,etc.</p>	<p>Yes, I have used them and yes, I would take a better copy. No, I have not found any that apply yet.</p>
<p>Students love doing this as a method of learning</p>	<p>time it takes to create lessons</p>	<p>yes, I have used them they are useful resource for review. It would be nice to have a non error form. We just adopted new books and I have not had a chance to figure out how to use ExamView.</p>
<p>You may CERTAINLY use my name or my recommendation for the system. I would love to attend your training, too. CPS is the best tool for INSTANT feedback. It would be incredibly useful for practicing ISAT questions, completing EOCs and just general feedback. The reports are very useful in pinpointing where instruction works and where it doesn't.</p>	<p>Creating the lessons is a BIG time-consuming chore (I HATE multiple choice test making). Students get frustrated when they mess up the questions (Sometimes they have to go over the questions several times if they accidentally skip a question or hit the wrong answer on the pad).</p>	<p>Haven't used them cause I don't want to type tyhem!! :(Don't know much about the Exam View.</p>