Tips for Leveraging Video-Capture

In other trainings on teacher evaluation, it was highly discouraged for appraisers to use video observations, mostly due to legal reasons. What are some suggestions on how to handle this concern?

From the legal perspectives, each district’s approach is different. In the past year, however, legal frameworks have been developed allowing districts to use video capture in classrooms for evaluation purposes. An alternative to video capture, however, is audio-recording. In many ways, this can be just as effective as video for appraisal purposes – especially when the images are not of a good quality or the audio quality is poor. Recording audio can be done in less intrusive ways, and in ways that capture both teacher and student voice.

Does Swivl have permission forms for parents and teachers to help the districts who want to start using more video capture for feedback and coaching?

Yes. Our customer success team has form samples available to you.

You indicated that you have contracted with TTU to support TIA. What is your role?

Swivl is under contract with Texas Tech University, in association with the Teacher Incentive Allotment. Our role is to create a video portal that smaller districts can use to support appraiser calibration. For example, if a district only has one appraiser or limited ability to collaborate, an appraiser might ask a teacher to record her or his instruction and upload the video to the portal. Then the appraiser and a trained observer from Texas Tech could watch the instruction and provide ratings which could be used to help calibrate. The portal will be ready for use the school year of 2021-2022.

What are the typical costs for districts associated with using Swivl?

Swivl provides both web-based portals for video storage and review as well as the hardware, or robots. If you’d like more information, please contact our team at www.swivl.com. You can sign up for a 30-day trial for a “hands on evaluation” that provides a robot and access to the cloud services.

Is the device agnostic or just iPads still?

Swivl works with both iOS and Android.