

An Introduction to URcast



Let's take a look...

What we WANT to do

- Flip the classroom
- Deliver a lesson with NO technical problems
- Have students actively engaged
- Seamless technology integration

What REALLY happens

- Not everyone's device works
- The Internet is *really* slow
- Internet isn't available (goes down at school or don't have access at home)
- Students are on sites other than the ones related to my perfect lesson

What is URcast?



URcast is a teacher controlled network. It enables teachers to build assignments from digital resources and complements other software programs. These assignments are then sent to the student's device on the teacher determine schedule.

URcast sends the teacher's information faster and it is automatically saved on the student's device providing more teaching and learning time. The student can access the teacher's information anywhere, at anytime and at their own pace, regardless of Internet accessibility.

Rapid and Scheduled Digital Delivery in Multiple Formats



With URcast, you aren't limited by the type or size of content you can deliver to students. From PDF, video and audio, to text, photos and Word documents, all of your content is delivered seamlessly.

How URcast Supports Other Programs

I use Edmodo, have a wiki, update my web page, love Google drive, so why URcast?

URcast delivers your content to your student's device quickly, so slow or no Internet access doesn't prohibit your students from utilizing your material--inside and outside of the classroom.

How can I use URcast?

- Flipped Classroom
- Pre-teach Vocabulary
- Differentiation
- Facilitates Rotation Groupings
- ESL
- Remediation
- Systematically Review Content
- Enrichment Activities
- Test & Assessment Prep

Parts of URcast

Message Builder:

application through which the teacher creates messages to seamlessly deliver to students



Student Message Center:

application the student uses to receive the messages



Student Message Center

- Each student will have his or her own individualized Student Message Center based upon their respective classes and the structure set forth by the teacher.
- Classes may be shared among grade levels, specific to teacher appointed groupings, or individual.

Student Message Center

- Messages automatically download and save when the Student Message Center is opened.
- New messages appear in **bold**
- Above or to the right of the message list is a preview pane
- Messages can be filtered by Unit Names as determined by the teacher.
- Students do not have to delete content; the Teacher determines how long contents remains on student devices.

Message Builder

- Messages are released on a specific date set by the teacher.
- Messages are given an expiration date that determines when URcast will stop delivering the message to student devices.
- Messages are given a clean up date that determines when the message and associated content is removed from student devices.

Message Builder

- Teachers have complete autonomy over their messages. They determine the unit, release date, expiration date and cleanup date.
- Pre-defined templates are easily used based upon the type of material being sent.

Message Builder Template Choices

- Text and a File (Video, Image, Document, etc.)
 - Enter description/instructions
 - May change font, style, size, effects, color, or script
 - Drag/drop, paste, or Browse to locate the file.
- Simple Text
 - Enter information/instruction/announcements
 - May change font, style, size, effects, color, or script
 - Best used for announcements and reminders.

Message Builder Template Choices

- A Single File (PDF, Image, Video, etc.)
 - Send one file; however, you do not have the ability to enter a description.
- A List of Files
 - Enter description/instructions
 - Drag/drop OR Double click for options to browse and select files
 - You may send a mixture of files types in each message.

Additional Features

- Easy for teachers to learn.
- Teachers can build and send messages wherever they have an Internet connection if allowed by their school/district.
- Supports Windows, Android, iOS and Chrome.
- URcast Message Center downloaded as an app or through imaging.
- Access to resources from home without the Internet.