

Software Evaluation - Microsoft Live Movie Maker

Statement Rating

Technical

1. Software runs consistently and smoothly. Windows MovieMaker is available on all Windows platforms in different versions.
2. Software is compatible with available computer configurations. Our district uses Windows platforms.
3. Software is easy to install and loads quickly. Software is pre-loaded with the operating system.

Functionality

4. Targeted students can learn to use the software in a reasonable amount of time. I have observed students of all ability levels successfully create a movie from video or photo sources.
5. Graphical elements are appropriate and add meaning. The new ribbon conceals certain functions, and takes some searching to discover the same tools used in previous versions.
6. Software includes a teacher's guide, and an online help system is available. Teachers' guide is available at no charge (Microsoft Corporation, 2011).

Program Design

7. Software interface is easy to navigate. The new ribbon conceals certain functions, and takes some searching to discover the same tools used in previous versions, but if a user had never before used the prior version(s), it doesn't take long to navigate the tools.
8. Learner's progress is saved from one session to the next.
9. Learners can repeat sections of the program as many times as they like.

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Adaptability

Freedom from Bias

Microsoft products are generally free from bias due to their global use.

- 14. Female and male characters are equally represented.
- 15. The characters are not stereotyped by occupational roles.
- 16. Content and overall style of the program appeal to both boys and girls.
- 17. Competitiveness vs. cooperation among characters is balanced.
- 18. Software contains racial/ethnic balance in main characters.
- 19. Minority characters are shown in a variety of lifestyles in active, decision-making roles.
- 20. The content is free of discriminatory or defamatory language.

Total Points: 55

Total Points Possible: 60

Percent Rating:

90-100% This would be a good software decision.

80-89% This software has benefits, but may have some serious reservations.

70-79% This software is unlikely to achieve the results desired.

Below 70% This software has too many reservations to adopt in its current state.

Resources:

Frazier, M. and Bailey, G. (2004). *The Technology Coordinator's Handbook*. Eugene: International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE).

Microsoft Corporation. (2011). *Windows Live Movie Maker in the Classroom*. Retrieved October 13, 2011, from Microsoft in Education Teaching Guides: <http://www.microsoft.com/education/en-us/teachers/guides/Pages/windows-live-movie-maker.aspx>

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