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As the digital world continues to rapidly increase on a daily basis and companies are relying on technology and the latest digital transformations to stay efficient and ahead of their competitors, it's not enough to make sure that your organization has the technology needed to thrive. It's also essential to ensure that your employees have the technological skills to get the most out of the digital technology available and efficiently achieve organizational goals with that technology.

An organization's brand experience, customer experience, and sustainability in the digital age are only as good as, not only the technology available, but their employees' digital skills and efficiency using that technology. One of the best ways to make sure an organization is at the top of its game in performance and technology is by making it a priority to help employees improve their digital skills and get them up-to-date on the latest relevant technology for the organization and industry.

In this ebook, we'll discuss why it's important for organizations to prioritize investing in their employees' digital skillset and ways you can start helping your own employees improve their technological skills.



WHY INVESTING IN EMPLOYEES' DIGITAL SKILLS IS IMPORTANT

In order to remain an overall high-quality brand or organization in today's technology age, employees must be performing at the top of their game digitally. While it may seem expensive and time-consuming to consistently be keeping up with technology and training employees on the newest technologies and skills, in the long run, it keeps your organization ahead of the curve and your talent sharp and engaged in their roles.

Talent Retention

Technology training, upskilling, and development opportunities help keep employees engaged, efficient, and effective in their jobs while also improving talent retention. And not only does investing in your employee's digital skillset help retain current talent, but it's also much cheaper than the expenses involved in recruiting, hiring, onboarding, and training brand new employees. Not to mention having to make sure new employees' technological skills are aligned with the organization's current technology needs and use, and the potential productivity lag while new employees get used to their job and workflow.

Additionally, technology skills being up-to-date can be a must-have for many jobs and workers these days. Many employees desire to continue learning and improving their technology skills and investing in providing those opportunities for employees makes it easier for them to do so.

Increased Efficiency

Not only does investing in employees' technology skills help retain talent, but it also ensures your organization has a team that can keep up with the growing digital world and adapt to keep performance levels high. Digital technology and transformation in the workplace are designed to make workflow more productive but they're only efficient when employees know how to properly and effectively use the implemented technology.

The proper use of technology allows for organizations to cut workflows in half, produce more, and achieve goals more efficiently. And when employees know how to use the technologies and their features correctly and efficiently, it removes any potential technology-related bottlenecks in the workplace.

Stay Ahead of the Competition

In today's digital society and with many companies adopting some form of hybrid work into their model, the number one way to stay on top of the competition is to implement the latest technology and keep employees trained and up-to-date on their digital skills. Brands rely on technology more now than ever before to compete on a global scale. This includes reaching both a global market for your products or services and a global job market as well.

Investing in employees' technology skills isn't only beneficial for company productivity and goals, but is also helpful in making sure your organization has the best team of employees, especially if hybrid or remote work is involved.

By taking a proactive approach and investing in employees' improving their technology skills, organizations can ensure that their teams are able to do their best work, be engaged, and collaborate efficiently through technology to meet company objectives. But what are the best ways to go about improving employees' technology skills? Let's review four key ways your organization can start improving the technology skills of its employees.



KEY WAYS FOR IMPROVING EMPLOYEE TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

Consider Catering to Multiple Learning Styles

Everyone learns differently and the goal is to have all employees at the top of their game when it comes to their technology skills. To make sure everyone is learning, retaining, and implementing best, it's important to understand and cater to different learning styles.

Consider implementing a range of learning strategies from written instruction to video trainings and anything in between. It may also be beneficial to involve employees in the decision-making process when it comes to learning material. Discuss with employees what learning styles they prefer and cater to different preferences to better encourage employees to participate in improving their technological development.

Make Learning Engaging

One of the benefits of improving employees' technology skills is that it helps employees remain engaged in their roles and day-to-day tasks, which ultimately positively impacts productivity and culture. As such, learning and skill development should also be engaging and a part of the culture.

Ways to make learning and skill development more engaging include:

- Make learning and skill development accessible to everyone
- Make improving skillsets a regular part of performance and goal discussions
- Create a culture of learning and encourage collaboration between colleagues
- Implement learning goals into individual employees' performance program
- Provide hands-on resources or support to help employees implement what they're learning

Encourage Peer to Peer Learning

While third-party or in-house developed technology training and learning programs can help provide a certain curriculum and structure to the process, peer-to-peer learning helps promote engagement, on-the-job learning, and allows employees to learn from different perspectives.

Some employees may naturally be more tech-savvy than others and have their own unique ways of helping other employees learn and implement new skills in a way that's relevant to their jobs. Ways to implement this could be a regularly scheduled peer learning session, assigning partners to learn and collaborate together, or something as simple as an encouraged open door and collaboration policy.

Implement Skills Tests

One of the best ways to learn is by doing. Practicing new skills used for the job, especially technology skills, by actually using them is just as important as intellectually learning the skill to properly retain information and lead to solid implementation. Organizations can provide various ways for employees to put what they've learned into practice without worrying about messing up performance, such as skills tests, trial runs, skills competitions, etc.

CONCLUSION

Technology skill development is essential for enhancing employee productivity, efficiency, brand experience, and overall company performance. Keeping employees up to date on digital technology in the workplace allows organizations to maintain a competitive edge. In the end, a company's competitive advantage is only as good as its employees' skillset and performance. And in a world and workplace where technology is always changing, it's imperative to have a team with sharp technology skills.



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