

Arlington Public Schools Digital Learning Program



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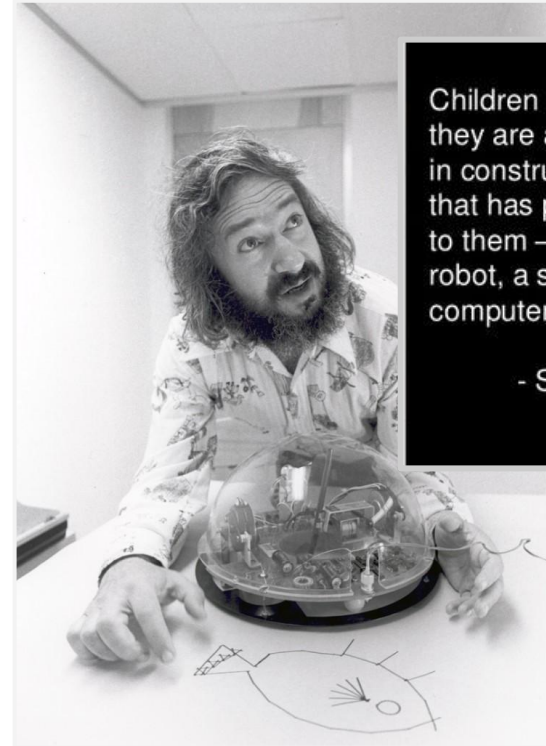
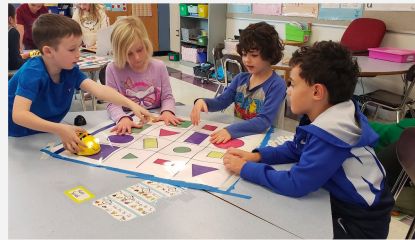
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Digital Learning for ALL



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Children learn best when they are actively engaged in constructing something that has personal meaning to them – be it a poem, a robot, a sandcastle or a computer program

- Seymour Papert

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Digital Learning @ a glance



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MA DLCS standards Curriculum for K-12

Developing, teaching and iterating interdisciplinary curriculum aligned to K-12 MA DLCS Standards for all students

Supporting 150+ Ed-Tech Applications

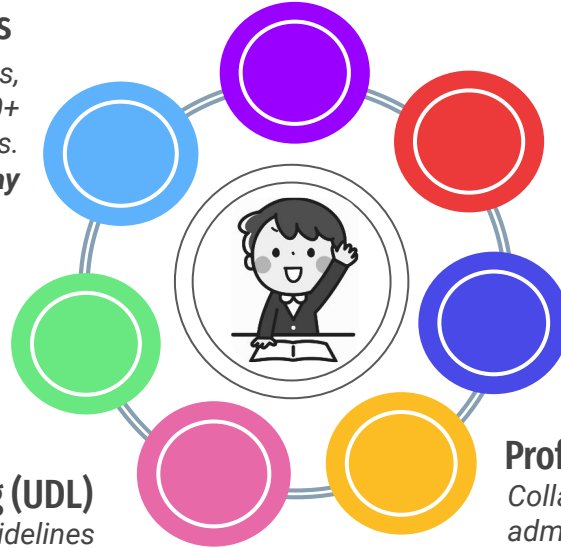
*Procuring, rostering & supporting all students, faculty, admins, & community in usage of 150+ district wide applications, systems, & Platforms.
Approx **50+ districtwide requests everyday***

APS Student Data Privacy Database

Procuring, administering, updating and maintaining district wide SDP ed-tech application contracts and database to protect student data privacy

Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Collaborating with faculty to integrate UDL guidelines and PBL frameworks



Interdisciplinary Robotics/STEAM

Developing, iterating and co-teaching the standards aligned Interdisciplinary curriculum units/projects

District wide 1:1 Initiatives

Collaborating with IT to support all students, faculty, administrators, & community in adoption of districtwide 1:1 initiative

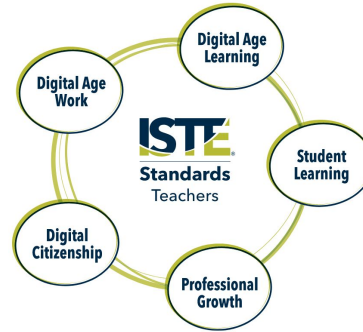
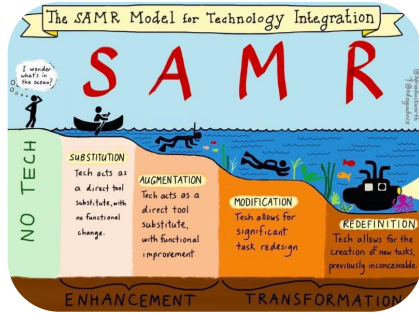
Professional Learning

Collaborating with district leadership, faculty, and administrators to provide purposeful professional learning experiences that combine Ed-Tech & UDL guidelines

Standards & Frameworks



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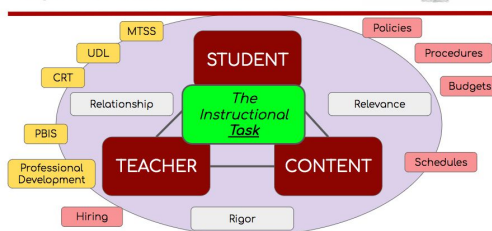


AFFECTIVE NETWORKS: THE WHY OF LEARNING
RECOGNITION NETWORKS: THE WHAT OF LEARNING
STRATEGIC NETWORKS: THE HOW OF LEARNING



Alignment with the Instructional Core

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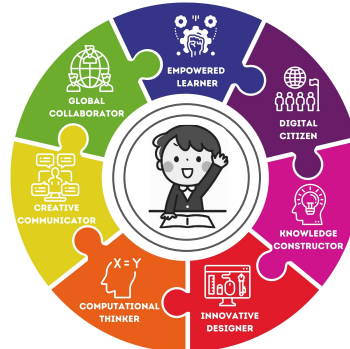
MA DLCS Standards

Vision

Digital literacy and computer science knowledge, reasoning, and skills are essential both to prepare students for personal and civic efficacy in the twenty-first century and to prepare and inspire a much larger and more diverse number of students to pursue the innovative and creative careers of the future. The abilities to effectively use and create technology to solve complex problems are the new and essential literacy skills of the twenty-first century.

Learning Progression

Grade Spans	Strands			
K-2	Computing and Society [CAS] a. Safety and Security b. Ethics and Laws c. Interpersonal and Societal Impact	Digital Tools and Collaboration [DTC] a. Digital Tools b. Collaboration and Communication c. Research	Computing Systems [CS] a. Computing Devices b. Human and Computer Partnerships c. Networks d. Services	Computational Thinking [CT] a. Abstraction b. Algorithms c. Data d. Programming and Development e. Modeling and Simulation
3-5				
6-8				
9-12				
Practices				
Connecting, Creating, Abstracting, Analyzing, Communicating, Collaborating, Research				

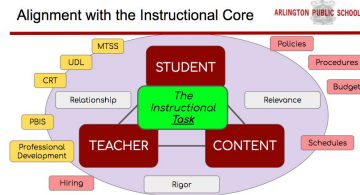


APS DLCS Curriculum MAP



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1	Grades 3-5		
2	Standard	Library	Math
3	<p>"How to Use This Spreadsheet:</p> <p>This resource is collaboratively developed by digital learning and Library team in Arlington MA. It is designed as a visual map of how the DLCS are assessed by Library Teachers, Digital Learning Teachers, and the grade bands by visiting different spreadsheets at the bottom (k-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12). Navigate the thematic strands of the DLCS within each of these sheets. Feel free to download and use this resource in</p>		
4	Computing and Society		
5	3-5.CAS.a.1 Describe how to use proper ergonomics (e.g., body position, lighting, positioning of equipment, taking breaks) when using devices.	When performing research, show students how to use left & right mouse buttons or track pads to manipulate computer. Show them proper alignment of body with device. Resources: http://www.drmarkwellness.com/primary-student.html	When students are practicing their keyboarding skills, KWT is a essential resources for the students to get started with the proper techniques when using devices. KWT video
6	3-5.CAS.a.2 Describe the threats to safe and efficient use of devices (e.g., SPAM, spyware, phishing, viruses) associated with various forms of technology use (e.g., downloading and executing software programs, following hyperlinks, opening files).		Using the Brainpop resource, students will become knowledge regarding the threats of everyday safety and the internet. students need to be aware of Internet Safety Lesson
7	3-5.CAS.a.3 Identify appropriate and inappropriate uses of technology when posting to social media, sending e-mail or texts, and browsing the Internet.		Discuss lessons of Digital Literacy with students. CSM has many lessons regarding these topics. CMS curriculum
8	3-5.CAS.a.4 Explain the proper use and operation of security technologies (e.g., passwords, virus protection software, spam filters, popup blockers, cookies).	When using APS databases, tell students why they are password protected when accessing from home.	Discuss with students the importance of strong passwords. Create a lesson regarding downloading and making purchases online and the consequences that may happen if you are not protected. CMS Password Lesson
9	3-5.CAS.a.5 Describe ways to employ safe practices and avoid the potential risks/dangers associated with various forms of online communications, downloads,		



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Google Read & Write Resource Guide

Bear APS Colleagues:

We are excited to share that Google Read and Write is now to all K-12 students and faculty via your APS login. Kindly contact the [APS Digital Learning Team](#) if you are having trouble logging in and/or have any other questions. Following are a few useful resources cultivated just for you. Kindly email us if you would like to add other resources to this APS guide. We look forward to collaborating with you!

Thank you,
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Resource Guide for APS Premium Google Read and Write License

☐ Click on the purple icon on your chrome browser to access APS Google Read & Write premium license



Link to APS Google Read and Write Screencast and Learning by doing Activity Guide for how to use some key features of our premium google read and write license.

Few more helpful Quick Video tutorial Links:



- [Read & Write Practice Read Aloud Tutorial](#)
- [Read & Write using Multiple Languages Tutorial](#)
- [Read and Write Text to Speech Tutorial](#)
- [Read and Write Check It tutorial](#)
- [Read & Write Prediction tutorial](#)
- [Read & Write Dictionary and Picture Tutorial](#)
- [Read and Write Screen Masking Tutorial](#)
- [Read and Write Vocabulary Tutorial](#)

Few Feature Tutorials

<http://bit.ly/RWGoogleVideos>

Text Help Academy

[Link to Texthelp Academy Resources](#)

How can I help you?

[Link to the How can I help you with Google Read and Write?](#)

Education Articles

[Link to Read and Write for Education "How to" articles](#)

Learning by doing! Activity Guide

- [Talk and Type](#)
- [Read Aloud and Spellcheck](#)
- [Word Predictor](#)
- [Practice Reading Aloud](#)
- [Dictionary](#)
- [Search the Web](#)
- [Simplify Page and Answer Mask](#)
- [Highlighters](#)
- [Audio Maker](#)
- [Personalized Vocabulary](#)
- [Voice Notes](#)
- [Screenshot Reader](#)

Making Teaching & Learning more accessible for ALL with Google Read & Write

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Activity 2: Personalized Vocabulary List

1. Highlight 4 unknown words in the article about [Black Widows](#) using the Highlighter Tools.
2. Now click [Vocabulary tool](#) and watch your custom vocabulary list appear in a google doc that is saved in your GDrive.
3. [Link to the Video Tutorial](#)

How could a custom vocabulary list help you learn new information?

GOING LIVE

[Link to the APS Resource Guide](#)
[W3C Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 3.0 & 2.2](#)
[Google Read and Write Quick Video Tutorial](#)

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DLCS (Robotics & STEAM) Integration



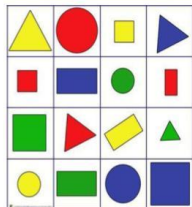
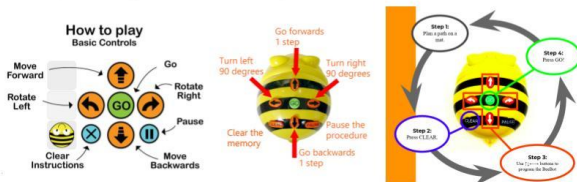
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Bee Bot Shapes and Color Challenge

WHAT: Using robots with kids is a great way to teach literacy and infuse your classroom with STEM learning activities. Bee-Bot is an exciting little robot designed for use by young children. This colorful, easy-to-operate, and friendly little robot is a perfect tool for teaching bi-directional programming, counting, sequencing, estimation and iterative problem-solving.

CHALLENGE: Program your beebot to navigate the challenges listed below.

INSTRUCTIONS: The Bee-Bot robot is programmed by pressing the desired buttons and then pressing go. Be sure to press clear (or X) between each program! You can press multiple instructions before pressing go.



Challenge 1

Start on and go to .

Start on and go to .

Start on and go to .

Challenge 2

Start on and go to all circles.

Start on and go to all squares.

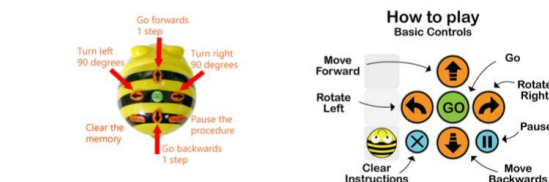
Start on and go to all rectangles.

Bee Bot Life Cycle Challenge

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CHALLENGE: Program your beebot to navigate The Frog and Bee Life Cycle

INSTRUCTIONS: The Bee-Bot robot is programmed by pressing the desired buttons and then pressing go. Be sure to press clear (or X) between each program! You can press multiple instructions before pressing go.

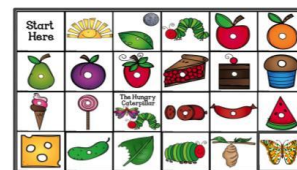


Bee Bot Hungry Caterpillar Challenges

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CHALLENGE: Program your beebot to navigate the Hungry Caterpillars path as indicated in the book

INSTRUCTIONS: The Bee-Bot robot is programmed by pressing the desired buttons and then pressing go. Be sure to press clear (or X) between each program! You can press multiple instructions before pressing go.



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Finch Drawing The Shapes Challenge

WHAT: Using robots with learners is a great way of teaching interdisciplinary problem solving, digital literacy and infuse your classroom with STEAM learning. Finch is an exciting robot designed for use across K-8. This programmable, easy-to-operate, robot is a great tool for engaging students in creative challenges, iterative problem solving, computational thinking, sequencing, and algorithmic thinking.

CHALLENGE: Program your Finch to draw the shapes below

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Start by sketching a picture of the shape. Then determine the number of sides, angle measures, and side length. Using this information, code Finch to move and turn to draw the shape. Then, once Finch is done drawing the shape, calculate the perimeter and area of each shape.
- Moving & Turning, Controlling Wheels, Using Multiple Finches
 - Write a program to draw shapes. Start by drawing a square, then try to draw an equilateral triangle (a triangle with 3 equal sides).
 - Consider how much you need to turn the Finch to draw other regular polygons, such as a hexagon or octagon. Remember that you can use a loop to repeat actions!
 - Once you have succeeded at regular polygons, move on to shapes where the sides are not all equal – for example, a rectangle or a trapezoid. Add circles by controlling the wheels directly, as shown in the Controlling Wheels module.
 - Extension: Draw two identical shapes with two robots at the same time.



FINCH ROBOT 2.0 BLOCK DESCRIPTIONS

MakeCode

Get Right Angle	Returns the value of the right or left Finch right sensor from 0-180.
Get Left Angle	Returns the value of the right or left Finch left sensor from 0-180.
Get Right Count	Returns the number of rotations that the right or left wheel has turned.
Get Left Count	Sets the value of the left and right encoders to zero.
Get Wheel Value	Returns a Boolean value that indicates whether or not the Finch is in the selected position.
Get Accelerometer	Returns the value of the Finch accelerometer or magnetometer in the x, y, or z direction.
Get Compass	Returns the value of the Finch compass in degrees.
Get Battery	Returns the value of the battery in millivolts. You may get a low charge warning when the value is below 3775 mV.

You can access free MakeCode programming tutorials at...

arduinotechnologies.com/finch2/makecode/program

FINCH ROBOT 2.0 BLOCK DESCRIPTIONS

MakeCode

Wait	This block is required for every Finch program. Put it in the on start block.
Move Forward	Moves the Finch forward or back for a given distance at a given speed (0-100%).
Turn Right	Turns the Finch right or left a given angle at a given speed (0-100%).
Set Color	Sets the tri-color LED in the Finch back to the color specified by red, green, and blue brightness values. The values range from 0% to 100%.
Set Color LED	Sets one or all of the tri-color LEDs in the Finch 'tail' to the color specified by red, green, and blue brightness values. The values range from 0% to 100%.
Set Rotation Speed	Sets the rotation speeds of the left and right Finch wheels to values from -100 to 100%.
Stop	Stops the Finch wheels.
Get Distance	Returns the value of the Finch distance sensor in cm.

Finch Drawing The Shapes Challenge

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Start by sketching a picture of the shape. Then determine the number of sides, angle measures, and side length. Using this information, code Finch to move and turn to draw the shape. Then, once Finch is done drawing the shape, calculate the perimeter and area of each shape.

Shape Name	Sketch	Number of Sides & Angles	Angle Measure	Side Length	Perimeter	Area
Triangle						
Square						
Pentagon						
Hexagon						
Octagon						

Finch Challenge Reflection Journal

Challenge Title:

Who did you work with to complete this challenge? What are some ways in which you worked together to solve the challenge?

What were you trying to get the Finch to do?

What did the Finch do when you ran your program?

Did you make any mistakes? If so, how did you fix them?

Did you have multiple solutions? Please explain how you chose the solution you decided to implement.

What did you like the most about this challenge? Why?

If you took any pictures or video of your program, add them to this slide below.

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Interactive Research Poster using Scratch & Makey Makey

MAKEY MAKEY is a simple circuit designed for quick connections between a computer and a variety of conductive objects. Learners can experiment with various configurations to create a complete and physically interactive circuit

CHALLENGE: Design an Interactive Research Poster on a topic of your choice that is aligned with content standards

CAN YOU

- Research a topic that you would like to create an interactive poster for
- Design a poster about your research topic
- Storyboard what you want to say about your poster
- Design a scratch program that complements your poster
- Choose, draw, or upload backgrounds and sprites
- Program backgrounds and sprites
- Use makey makey blocks to create physical interactivity
- Test your interactive map and add more elements as needed



Screencast Link
bit.ly/rpinteractiveposter

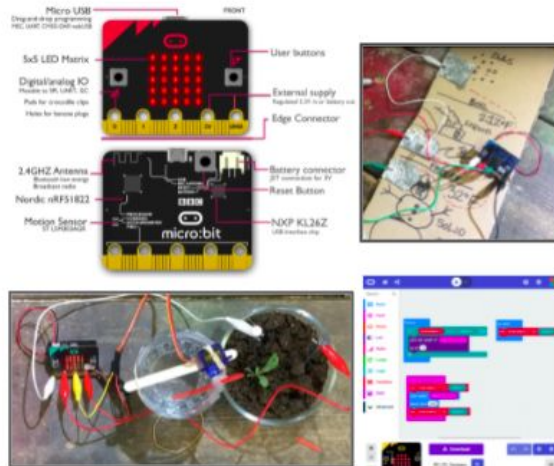
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micro:bit Plant Watering System

WHAT: micro:bit is a pocket-size programmable computer with integrated sensors and LEDs.

CHALLENGE: Design a Micro Bit plant watering system that senses changing temperature by using MakeCode

INSTRUCTIONS: bit.ly/rpplantwatersystem



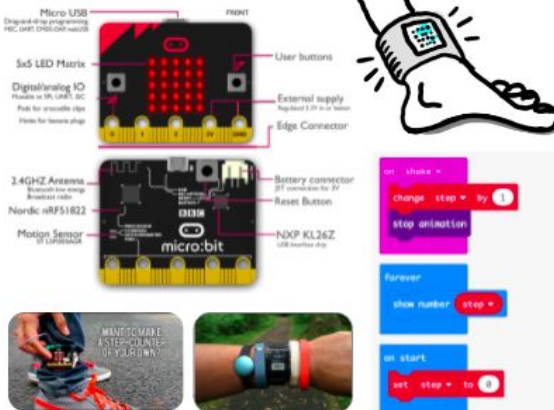
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micro:bit Step Counter

WHAT: micro:bit is a pocket-size programmable computer with integrated sensors and LEDs.

CHALLENGE: Design a Micro Bit step counter or a pedometer. Each shake event increments a counter variable. The step count is displayed on the LEDs.

INSTRUCTIONS: Assuming you attach the micro:bit to your foot or ankle, it will get shaken when you take a step. We can use the on shake event to detect a step (it should notice a step most of the time). Let's add the code to increment step by 1 when the micro:bit is shaken.

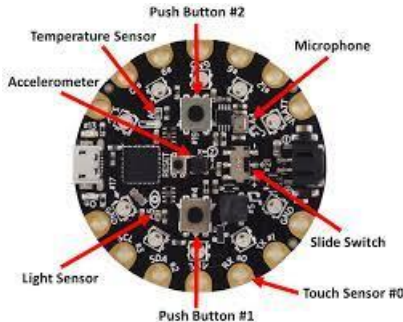
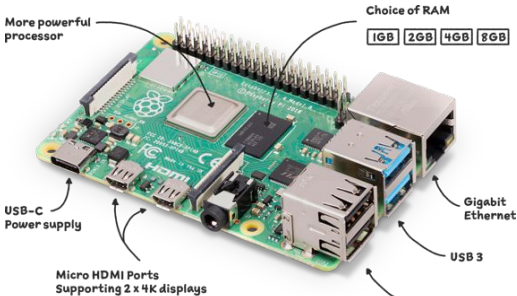
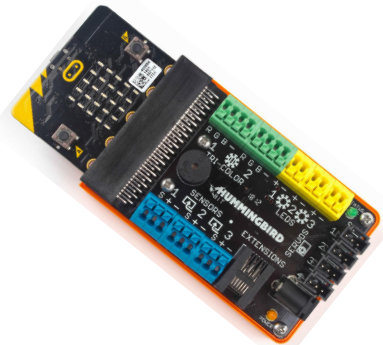
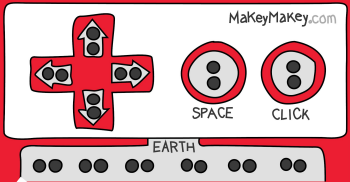


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District DL+STEAM+Robotics Kits



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Few Elementary DL Highlights



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- Developing and co-teaching curriculum to integrate **Interdisciplinary** DLCS Standards across Grades 4 & 5 ([Link](#))
- Co-Teaching interdisciplinary problem-solving with BeeBots units across grades K-2
- Providing EdTech/UDL classroom support by modeling, co-teaching and through professional learning sessions across all elementary schools



Few Middle School DL Highlights



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- Developing and co-teaching curriculum to integrate **Interdisciplinary** DLCS Standards across Grades 6 - 8 ([Link](#))
- Providing EdTech/UDL classroom support by modeling, co-teaching and through professional learning sessions across all Elementary schools
- Implementation of New 1:1 Chromebook Lightspeed Classroom management



Few High School DL Highlights



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- Developing, supporting, and co-teaching curriculum to integrate **Interdisciplinary** DLCS standards across Grades 9 - 12
- Facilitating Professional Learning for Ed-Tech Tools & new AHS Building Technologies such as Viewboards, audio visual systems etc...
- Providing EdTech/UDL classroom support by modeling, co-teaching and through professional learning sessions at AHS



Thank You



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Seeking your support for achieving a 2 Schools : 1 Digital Learning Faculty ratio for our eight, PreK - 5 Schools

Thank you & Questions



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