

Digital Learning News

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dig-i-tal learning-ing (verb):

any practice in which technologies are utilized to EMPOWER and ACCELERATE individuals to learn, instruct, collaborate, communicate, solve problems, create, design, analyze, or publish in ways not previously possible

Who are the digital learners? <http://tinyurl.com/bisddigitallearner>



Our Goals

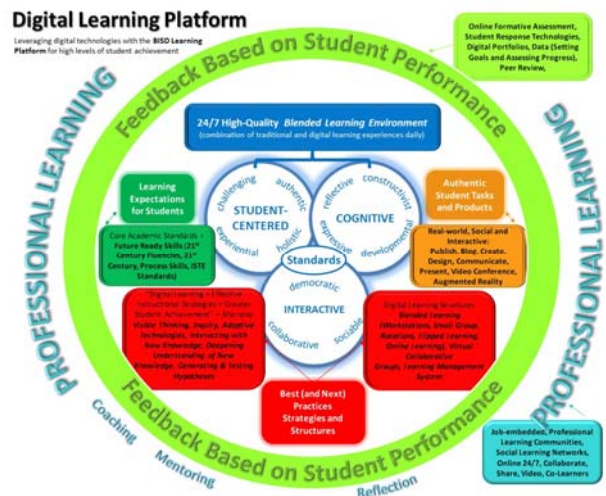
The Digital Learning Team is committed to working with staff and students across the system to foster *digital* literacy and responsibility. The focus is on communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity skills embedded in the content curriculum in order to prepare students for their future.

Our team is focused on *digital* learning by:

1. Promoting excellence and support transformational change throughout the instructional environment.
2. Assisting in the effective implementation of technology for rigorous, relevant, and engaging learning experiences for all students.
3. Designing and implementing rich professional learning to promote digital age best practices in teaching and learning.

Digital Learning Platform

The Digital Learning Platform is designed to be an overlay on the district's Learning Platform. Look for more details this fall!



<http://bisddlp.weebly.com/>

Email Accounts for High School Students

This fall High School students will be receiving district email accounts. All High School campuses will be notified when accounts are ready to rollout to students.



Saturday, October 4, 2014

Digital Learning Conference coming to Birdville ISD, presented by the Digital Learning Team!



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Apps for Education

Birdville **Google Apps for Education (GAPE)** is an integrated creation and collaboration solution, hosted by **Google** and managed by Birdville. **GAPE** will provide the ability for Birdville students, teachers, and staff to create and collaborate on documents, spreadsheets, and presentations in real time from school, work, or home, all within a secure “closed campus” online environment. The use of **Google Apps for Education** is intended to provide an approved, safe, and supportable alternative to “consumer” **Google** accounts.

GAPE users will have access to Google Drive, Calendar, Contact, Classroom, and more through **Google Apps for Education**. Users have 30 GB of free storage when using their @g.birdvilleschools.net domain account.

We are in the process of creating student accounts through an automated system. More information is available on the district’s website at: <http://schools.birdvilleschools.net/Domain/4460>.

Twitter Chat on Tuesday



Join us each Tuesday from 8:00-8:30 PM for **Twitter** Chats to discover how Birdville staff are implementing elements of the Digital Learning Platform. #bisddlp

New to Twitter? <http://vimeo.com/757146>

Now Available in BISD

Teachers can now access both **Pinterest** and **Vimeo** to take advantage of the educational content that is available to support teaching and learning. Follow BISD Digital Learning on **Pinterest** at: *BISD-Digital-Learning*.



Student Accounts

Prior to the 2014-15 school year usernames and passwords for student accounts varied from resource to resource. The way student accounts were set up in the past did not provide the level of security necessary to ensure the safety and privacy of our students.

Starting this year, Technology is putting the following username and password format in place for all students, K-12.

- Username: bisd+lunch code (i.e. bisd65874)
- Password: b+date of birth, mmddyyyy (i.e. b03181998)

It is our intent that all students will use this format to access all network and online resources.

Digital Learning Team



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