

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I access curriculum via the HUB?

During the 2014-2015 school year, all HISD curriculum documents will be migrated to the HUB and will be available at www.houstonisd.org/hub. [Click here](#) for step by step instructions. For convenience, and as a backup, teachers can also access and download the district's curriculum via eLearn at <http://hisdelearn.org>.

How do I merge my courses in the HUB?

[Click here](#) for step by step instructions or [watch this video](#).

How do I get resources and essential understanding/guiding questions into my course?

[Click here](#) for step by step instructions.

What is the Power:HUB?

The PowerUp:HUB, or HUB for short, is a K-12 digital teaching and learning platform that when fully implemented will become the hub of collaboration, curriculum, instruction, and communication for HISD staff, students, and parents.

What is "itslearning"?

To help us create the HUB, HISD is partnering with a company called itslearning. More than four million active users worldwide depend on itslearning to help shape, support, and manage a more personalized learning environment for 21st-century learners.

How will the HUB be rolled out to campuses?

During the 2014-2015 school year, all teachers at all HISD schools will be able to access the district's curriculum through the HUB. In addition, a group of 48 K-12 campuses have been selected to take part in a pilot program during the school year that will train and allow teachers to access and use additional HUB features, including the ability to design standards-based lessons using a customizable planner interface, create and deliver homework and quizzes to students, and virtually collaborate with peers to share ideas and education resources. The pilot implementation will be studied and reviewed to determine the best plan for a districtwide HUB rollout during the 2015-2016 school year.

Will all schools in the HUB pilot get laptops for students to use at school and at home?

No, only the high schools in phase one and two of the PowerUp:Device initiative will be distributing laptops to students. Elementary and middle schools participating in the HUB pilot will use existing technology on their campuses, including laptop carts, computer labs, and tablets.

Will I be able to take attendance through the HUB?

Attendance is not part of the HUB pilot rollout for the 2014-2015 school year, but this function is being considered for the future.

Is the HUB replacing Gradespeed?

Gradespeed will remain the grade book of record for the 2014-2015 school year. Integration of the HUB gradebook with Gradespeed is being considered for 2015-2016 school year.

I have been using Edmodo to create my lesson plans and post them for students. Should I post them in the HUB instead?

Yes, teachers and principals at the 11 PowerUp:Device phase one schools were informed last year that Edmodo was to be used only during year one, and that the district was selecting an online teaching and learning platform that would eventually be used by all K-12 schools. The HUB is this online platform. During HUB training, teachers will be shown how to transfer their lesson plans and content from Edmodo to the HUB.

Can documents be uploaded from Edmodo to the HUB?

Documents can be transferred to the HUB from Edmodo by downloading them first onto your desktop and then uploading them to the HUB.

Can students access the HUB?

Students in the HUB pilot high schools who are receiving laptops as part of the district's one-to-one initiative will have access to the HUB at www.houstonisd.org/hub. However, in order to have HUB access, students must be signed into the HISD network using their own HISD user ID and password. Students cannot use one of the old generic student logins and passwords from before. Any student who does not have his or her own HISD user ID and password will need to register for them. Information on how to do that is posted at www.houstonisd.org/studentlogin. Students can start this registration process or get help with forgotten user names and passwords on the HISD Students and Parents page at www.houstonisd.org/domain/7888.

Are students going to be trained in using the HUB?

Students will work with teachers to make sure they understand how to work with the HUB, and a series of student videos will be made available this year for use with students.