

PowerUp

HISD | TRANSFORMING
TEACHING AND LEARNING



THE "HUB"

2015–2016 DISTRICTWIDE HUB IMPLEMENTATION

HISD's online teaching and learning platform known as the HUB will be transitioning from pilot phase to full districtwide implementation during the 2015–2016 school year. The implementation is part of HISD's larger efforts to digitally transform instruction and integrate technology into content development and classroom instructional practices.

WHAT IS A DIGITAL LEARNING PLATFORM?

A digital learning platform is an online software environment that can be used by educators and students to give everyone involved in a child's education the information, digital tools, and resources they need to learn together — both inside and outside the classroom.

HOW WILL THE HUB BENEFIT TEACHERS?

The HUB is designed to help HISD teachers do more in less time and to personalize instruction for students. From planning and delivering course work to assessing and reporting student progress, teachers are pulled in many different directions. But what if many of the routine tasks they do every day, such as creating, collecting, and grading assignments, could be automated? And what if it were easier for them to share resources with colleagues and students, and to develop multimedia instruction that students find engaging and challenging? The HUB is designed to do all this and more.

HOW WILL I BE TRAINED TO USE THE HUB AND WHO WILL SUPPORT ME?

Teachers will receive a variety of hands-on training and professional development on how to utilize the HUB before and during the 2015–2016 school year including campus based, early dismissal, evening and Saturday sessions, online tutorials, open labs, and during campus PLC meetings. Teachers will receive HUB support from a variety of individuals including campus-based HUB leads and instructional technologists and district-based instructional technologists, instructional coaches, and teacher development specialists. In addition, teachers can use the "HUB Help" buttons located on the districtwide



HUB landing page for technical and instructional support and watch a series of "HUB Help" videos located at <https://vimeo.com/channels/837188>.

HUB GOALS FOR 2015–2016 SCHOOL YEAR

TEACHERS WILL:

- Utilize the HUB for at least one course (or one course per semester)
- Use either the HUB Planner or Course Tree for facilitating teaching and learning
- Build at least one lesson per cycle using a combination of appropriate HUB features, including notes, pages, links/files, discussions, tests, surveys, assignments, and/or custom activities
- Communicate, collaborate and share with peers in order to plan a lesson and engage in professional learning

STUDENTS WILL:

- Know how to log in and access information in a course
- Access links and files via the HUB Planner or Course Tree
- Participate in a discussion board
- Submit an assignment online
- Participate in a survey

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/HUBINFO.
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