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HISD | TRANSFORMING TEACHING AND LEARNING

THE "HUB"

24-7 ACCESS TO LEARNING

During the 2015–16 school year, HISD is launching the HUB, a learning management system that is available to students and teachers 24 hours a day from any device with Internet connectivity. The HUB is part of HISD's larger efforts to digitally transform teaching and learning throughout the district.

WHAT IS A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

A learning management system is an online environment that can be used by teachers 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. The system also provides a centralized location for district-approved curriculum, publisher content, and third-party applications.

HOW WILL THE HUB BENEFIT TEACHERS?

The HUB will allow teachers to better facilitate and deliver instruction in the classroom and engage today's "digitally wired" students. Teachers will be able to use the HUB to develop lessons, distribute and collect assignments, create and deliver quizzes and tests, and communicate and engage with students and with fellow educators across the district.

HOW WILL THE HUB BENEFIT STUDENTS?

Students will be able to use the HUB both inside and outside the classroom to access their courses, digital textbooks, assignments, and any links or files uploaded to a "course planner" by their teachers. They also will be able to submit assignments, participate in discussion boards with their classmates, and collaborate on group projects.

HOW CAN MY STUDENT ACCESS THE HUB?

Using their HISD login and password, students will be able to access the HUB 24 hours a day from any device with Internet connectivity by visiting www.HoustonISD.org/HUB.
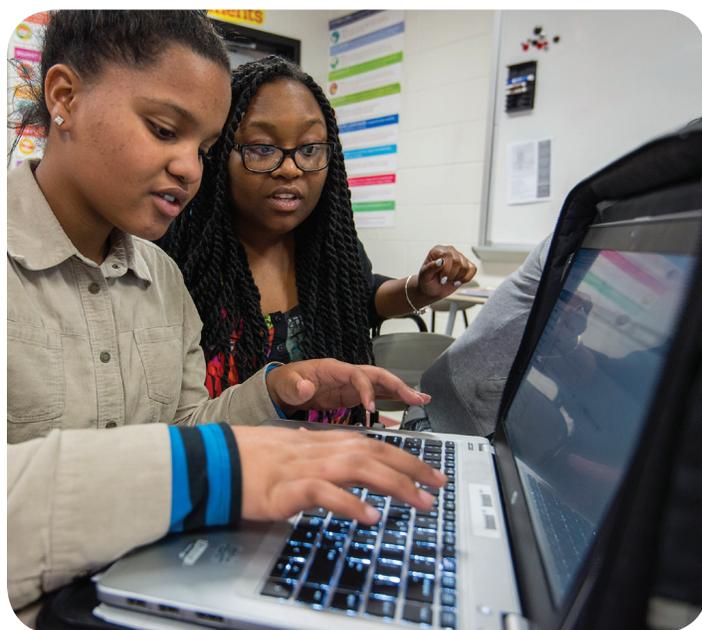
CAN PARENTS ACCESS THE HUB?

Parent access to the HUB will be introduced in 2016. Until then, parents are encouraged to have their children sit down with them at home and provide a demonstration of how they use the HUB.

IS THE HUB REPLACING TEXTBOOKS?

HISD will continue to provide textbooks at the elementary and middle school levels, but students enrolled in high school courses will be using the HUB to access district-approved publisher content. HISD is working with all vendors and publishers that provide district-approved content to load all materials and resources to the HUB. This will provide students 24/7 access to the content. In addition, unlike textbooks, publisher material and content in the HUB can be easily updated with the click of the button rather than by purchasing a new book.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/HUBINFO.