

## **Chronology of Canvas Learning Management System**

The DeKalb County School District is committed to providing an equitable, accessible, and secure Empowered Digital Learning Environment supported by innovative technology that encourages all students to be active, creative, knowledgeable, and ethical participants in our globally connected society. A learning management system (LMS) is a foundational component of a digital learning environment as it provides the digital framework to share and deliver content, connect students and teachers in a digital space, and track student progress.

It is a best practice for a school district to select one district-adopted LMS to ensure a streamlined experience that includes tool consistency and reduced user complexity. A district-adopted LMS also centralizes communication and collaboration and standardizes data collection and analysis. In addition, having one LMS platform simplifies training and support for teachers and staff, reducing overall costs.

Canvas was selected by qualified professional instructional staff and students based on pedagogical judgment and district requirements during the Spring Semester 2021.

### **2021-22: Technical Implementation & Teacher Training (Year 1)**

- The first year was used to transition from the existing LMS (itslearning/VERGE) to Canvas
- Key activities were to convert and migrate data to set up users, courses, and key content in Canvas and awareness training for teachers
- The district's curriculum was also transferred from itslearning/VERGE to Canvas

### **2022-23: Full Adoption (Year 2)**

- The second year was focused on full adoption of Canvas with both teachers and students
- Course integration, grade pass back to Infinite Campus, cross listing of courses, and content availability was a major focus during year two
- Title IX District Mandates, Student Code of Conduct, and the Digital Dreamers Hub for students were also launched in Canvas
- The district introduced the Canvas Parent App

### 2023-24 Full Adoption (Year 3)

- Continued to enhance teacher and student support from previous year (e.g. Canvas Summer Splash, FUSE Cohort, Hack-A-Thon Student-led evaluation)
- Expanded key functionality (course cross listing) to all schools, simplifying the grading and collaboration among multiple courses for teachers
- Added access to digital textbooks and other approved digital resources for teachers and students
- Established professional learning communities (Leader Labs) for school leaders and academic coaches to expand support for teacher and student use
- Utilized Tech Cafe events to provide exposure to Canvas for parents and caregivers

### 2024-25 Full Adoption (Year 4)- What has been accomplished this year?

- Expanded its application across various district functions, from HR and professional development (Human Resources Course, TAPP Course) to student skills development (Success Skills for Success Backpack) and enhanced curriculum sharing (Curriculum Community 2.0 project).
- Enhanced the learning environment by providing more accessibility to the district's digital resources, promoting digital literacy, and supporting a more integrated approach to teaching and learning through LTI integrations. (Digital Citizenship and AI Awareness Course)
- Developed a more streamlined and efficient digital ecosystem through the use of Canvas for essential district operations, communication, and training.

### Financial Impact:

Year	Cost
2021-22 Technical Implementation & Training	\$516,800
2022-23 Full Adoption	\$926,220
2023-24 Full Adoption	\$978,630
2024-25 Full Adoption	\$715,310
2025-26 Full Adoption	\$XXX requested