

# Technology Leadership Network 2016 NSBA **EDUCATION** **TECHNOLOGY** SITE VISITS

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*Experience the Intersection of Technology, Policy & Practice with your Leadership Team!*



# ABOUT THE DISTRICTS

## Colonial School District | New Castle, Delaware • April 20 – 22, 2016

Colonial School District is an innovative school district located in Northern Delaware serving a diverse population of approximately 9,800 students from Pre-K to 12th grade. Colonial is a Title I school district with 12/14 schools participating in the USDA Community Eligibility Program that provides breakfast and lunch to students at no cost. Located along the Delaware River, the district extends from Wilmington through Historic New Castle and into Delaware City.

Colonial focuses on 4 Pillars: Early Childhood, Leadership & Learning, Innovation, and Access & Opportunity to positively impact student outcomes through blended and personalized learning. All of this is achieved through the 'Power of WE' and engaging students, parents, staff, and the community to support student learning.

Colonial began their journey to blended and personalized learning in 2010 after attending the Models Schools Conference. Colonial strategically brought about changes to the district mindset, which led to changes to our Policies, Procedures, Infrastructure, Devices, Curriculum, Teaching, Leadership, and Learning. It's a coordinated team effort that has

led to the change in teaching and learning in Colonial. Most recently, we have reconfigured our technology focus to ensure a balanced approach to supporting technology integration in our classrooms and developing our digital leadership through the use of a strategic and coordinated district plan. The collaborative efforts of our staff have created conditions for continued innovation and positive change.

Colonial is proud to be digital leaders in the First State. Colonial is a founding member of the BRINC Technology Consortium, which has helped to effect change at the district and state level. Colonial started the Colonial Technology Conference in 2013 and it has grown to over 200 educators in attendance in 2015. Colonial staff members are the moderators of Delaware's educational Twitter 'Chat' #delachat and have been using #techcsd as a means of connecting and sharing the Colonial story for the past few years. Our teachers have received local, state, and national recognition for their work with digital learning and we presented our journey at the 2015 NSBA Conference. Most recently, Colonial has joined the USDOE as 1 of 10 #GoOpen Launch Districts.

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## Sunnyside Unified School District | Tucson, AZ • May 4 – 6, 2016

The Sunnyside Unified School District covers 93.6 square miles in the southern part of the City of Tucson and areas adjacent in Pima County, including the northern two miles of the Tohono O'odham Nation. As the second largest school district in Pima County, Sunnyside serves 17,000 students Pre-K through 12 in 22 schools, including two large high schools. The percentage of students who are identified as minority is 94.4%, which includes 87.7% Hispanic, 5.6% Anglo, 4.1% Native American, 2.1% African American, and 0.5% Asian American. Approximately 86% of SUSD students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. About one-third of students are classified as English language learners (ELL). Approximately 14% of the district's student population receive Special Education services.

Digital Learning in the Sunnyside Unified School District began in 2010 with the introduction of laptops for every fifth-grader in 13 schools. The traditional educational environment was quickly transformed into a unique digital learn-

ing opportunity that embraced innovation and risk-taking by students, teachers and educational leaders.

By 2013, all students grades 4 through 12 were issued laptops instead of textbooks. What makes the Sunnyside digital learning environment successful is the effective use of teacher coaches, weekly collaborative professional development and digital leadership teams in the schools.

Professional development, coaching and teacher support have been essential for teachers to successfully integrate technology into their classroom. In Sunnyside, teacher technology training leverages our digital leadership teams to assist with the planning and implementation of effective digital practice. New instructional practices included the use of digital curriculum programs and computer enabled learning strategies. This new engaging digital learning environment allows our schools to provide anytime-anywhere access to learning by students and teachers.

# WHERE ACCESS MEETS OPPORTUNITY

*Blended and Personalized Learning in the Colonial School District*

## Colonial School District

New Castle, Delaware

April 20 – 22, 2016

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

#### 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Registration and Welcome Reception  
The Westin Wilmington, 818 Shipyard Drive

### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

#### 7:00 am - 7:45 am

Registration, The Westin Wilmington Full Breakfast at Hotel  
(Westin guests only)

#### 8:00 am

Buses Depart for Colwyck Professional  
Development Center

#### 8:25 am

Welcome, Colonial's Path to Blended and  
Personalized Learning

#### 9:00 am

Buses Depart for School Tours

#### 9:15 - 11:05 am

School Tours A and B

#### Tour A: Carrie Downie Elementary School (Twitter- #cddolphins)

- 21st Century Skills
- Meaningful integration of technology
- Academic Risk Takers
- 2-5 Schoology LMS integration
- K-1 GAFE and other tool integration

#### Tour B: William Penn High School

- College Like Academies-Humanities, STEM, and Business
- 20 Different Programs of Study
- Blend of Vocational Classes and Advanced Placement classes
- Real World Experiences, Student run:
  - › On-Site Working Farm
  - › Penn Bistro-Cafe and Catering
  - › Penn Publications-Marketing and Promotions
  - › ...and the list goes on!
- Blended Learning

#### 11:15 am

Arrive at The Barn at Penn Farm

#### 11:30 am

Lunch by the Penn Bistro  
Student Entertainment

#### 12:15 pm

Buses Depart for School Tours

#### 12:25 - 1:45 pm

School Tours

#### Tour A: Carrie Downie Elementary School

#### Tour B: William Penn High School

See 9:15am School Tours for Description

#### 2:00 pm

Arrive at Colwyck Professional Development Center

#### 2:15 - 4:00 pm

Breakout Sessions

Digital Leadership, Professional Development, Curriculum,  
Devices/Infrastructure, BRINC, DSC, Middle School Redesign,  
Schoology, Social Media, Early Childhood, Student Panel, etc....

#### 4:20 pm

Arrive at Hotel

#### 5:30 pm

Reception and Dinner  
(Walking distance from The Westin Wilmington)

Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts (DCCA)

200 South Madison Street

Wilmington, DE 19801

Visit [www.thedcca.org](http://www.thedcca.org)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

#### 7:00 - 8:00 am

Registration, The Westin Wilmington  
Full Breakfast at Hotel (Westin guests only)

#### 8:15 am

Buses Depart for School Tours

**8:45 - 10:45 am**

School Tours C and D (select one)

**Tour C: Wilbur Elementary School**

- 2015 ICLE Model School
- STEM Lab
- MakerSpace
- Spanish Immersion
- Focus on Growth Mindset

**Tour D: Gunning Bedford Middle School**

- Visual & Performing Arts Theme School
- First Middle School in the State with Graphic Arts & Communication courses with direct link to high school coursework
- Real World Application of Content
- Opportunities to Showcase Student Work in Public Settings

- Integrating Special Programs – CASL (Autistic) & ILC
- Incorporation of Technology in All Content Areas

**11:15 am**

Panel Discussion

District Leadership Committee, Administrators, Instructional Coaches, and Teachers

**12:00 pm**

Networking Lunch

**1:15 pm**

Closing Remarks

**2:00 pm**

Buses Depart for Philadelphia International Airport and Hotel

# IT'S ABOUT MORE THAN A DEVICE: DIFFERENT BY DESIGN

## Sunnyside Unified School District

Tucson, AZ

May 4 – 6, 2016

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Registration and Welcome Reception

Four Points Sheraton, 7060 S Tucson Boulevard

### THURSDAY, MAY 5

**7:00 - 7:45 am**

Registration, Four Points by Sheraton - Tucson Airport

Full Breakfast at Hotel (Sheraton guests only)

**8:00 am**

Buses depart hotel for Sunnyside High School LRC

**8:20 am**

Opening Session

Welcome, SUSD Leadership and Governing Board

It's About More Than a Device: Different by Design

**9:00 am**

Buses depart for School Tours (Select one)

Visits to technology infused core subject areas and a student/teacher Panel Discussion will complete each school tour.

**Tour 1: Desert View High School**

- Freshman Academy

**Tour 2: Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts School (Grades 4-7)**

Newly opened magnet facility designed as a digital learning environment that emphasizes creativity and innovation for a 21st Century global education.

- Digital music studio, maker space and video production
- The 21st Century library in a digital world.

**Tour 3: Billy Lane Lauffer Middle School**

- This AVID demonstration school is a national model of excellence. See college and career readiness integrated throughout the school culture with the digital AVID strategies.

- Nutrition through gardening

- Future Cities STEM program.

**Alternative Tour: Network Operations Center and Data Network**

Get an insider's look at managing 20 schools with Wi-Fi throughout a fully-digital learning district with access offered on its transportation systems.

- Expandability of systems
- Internet and data security
- Real-time digital security camera systems on every building and bus

**11:20 am**

Buses return to Desert View High School

**11:45 pm**

Welcome and Q&A

**12:00 pm**

Desert View High School's Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Arts Academy featured.

**1:00 pm**

Buses depart for the district office

**1:30 - 2:30 pm**

Break-out Sessions, Part 1

(See web site for full descriptions)

- Taking PD into the 21st Century
- Engaging Families and Community
- Digital One-to-One 101
- Digital Citizens in the Making

**2:30 - 2:40 pm**

Break

**2:40 - 3:45 pm**

Break-out Sessions, Part 2

- Enrichment Beyond the Classroom Walls
- Organizing a Digital Backpack
- Logistical Support Systems for Digital-Rich Districts
- Superintendent's Roundtable

**4:00 pm**

Buses depart for hotel

**5:00 pm**

Buses depart for Technology Showcase and Dinner at Trail Dust Town

This historical outdoor shopping center includes artifacts, shows and rides for all ages.

- Technology Showcase Social Hour – Cinco de Mayo style. Enjoy a gallery walk to get a closer look at Sunnyside's tools and resources.
- Dinner and keynote at the Savoy Opera House
- Jaime Casap, Google Global Education Evangelist

**FRIDAY, MAY 6****7:00 - 7:45 am**

Registration, Four Points by

Full Breakfast at Hotel (Sheraton guests only)

**8:00 pm**

Buses depart for Sunnyside High School LRC

**8:20 am**

Welcome – SUSD LEADERSHIP

It's About More Than a Device: Different by Design

**9:00 am**

Buses depart for School Tours (Select one)

Visits to technology infused core subject areas and a student/teacher Panel Discussion will complete each school tour.

**Tour 1: Sunnyside High School**

Highlights include The Freshman Academy and the Medical Careers Academy Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and BioScience program where students perform actual DNA research in the school lab for several Tucson non-profit organizations.

**Tour 2: Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts School (Grades 4-7)**

This newly opened magnet facility has been designed as a digital learning environment that emphasizes creativity and innovation for a 21st Century global education.

- Digital music studio, maker space and video production
- The 21st Century library in a digital world.

**Tour 3: Los Amigos Technology Academy (K-6)**

Los Amigos Technology Academy has taken their 21st Century library and classrooms to a new level in the digital learning environment.

**11:20 am**

Buses depart for the District Office

**11:45 pm**

Welcome and Q & A

**12:00 pm**

Lunch

**12:30 pm**

Panel: Sunnyside's Digital Conversion  
Students, Educators and District Leaders

**1:30 pm**

Buses Depart for Tucson International Airport and Hotel

**For more details visit [www.nsba.org/TLNSiteVisits](http://www.nsba.org/TLNSiteVisits)**

**HOUSING INFORMATION****Sunnyside Unified**

Four Points by Sheraton Tucson Airport

Rates: \$93 plus tax for Single or Double Occupancy

Current tax is 12.05% + \$2.00 city tax

Room rate includes a full breakfast

Cut-off date to make reservations is April 4, 2016

**Colonial School District**

Westin Wilmington

Rates: \$185 plus tax for Single or Double Occupancy

Current tax is 10%

Room rate includes an American breakfast

Cut-off date to make reservations is March 20, 2016

