

# Verizon Innovative Learning Schools



## More students ready for tomorrow

Millions of students nationwide lack the access to technology and the skills they need to succeed in the digital world. Since 2012, Verizon has been working to help solve this problem through a transformative program called Verizon Innovative Learning.

Verizon Innovative Learning provides free technology, internet access, and hands-on learning experiences to help give under-resourced students in grades 6-8 the education they deserve. Through the collaboration between Verizon and Digital Promise, we equip every student and teacher at select middle schools across America with a device and up to a four-year data plan. In addition to free technology and access, Verizon Innovative Learning Schools receive extensive teacher training and implementation support.

## IMPACT

Teachers reporting more individualized instruction

**85%**

Teachers reporting enhanced ability to differentiate instruction

**82%**

Teachers exploring new ways of teaching

**89%**

Teachers reporting better student engagement

**78%**

## Why?

A third of lower-income households with children don't have access to high-speed internet at home. This inequality only furthers the homework gap and can put children in these families at a learning disadvantage. By giving students devices and access, we help under-resourced students develop the tools and confidence they need to become tomorrow's innovators. More specifically, we hope we can ignite these students' interest in STEM careers and give them the opportunity to become lifelong learners, creators, and problem solvers.

## EACH SCHOOL RECEIVES:

- A 10.2" iPad or Chromebook device for each student and teacher in selected middle school grades
- Up to a 4-year Verizon Wireless 10GB LTE data plan for each device
- Full IT implementation support and assistance with repair and replacement for accidental damage
- Comprehensive, ongoing professional development for all faculty
- Funding to support an instructional coach position at each school
- Regular opportunities to collaborate with a national network of 253 middle schools
- Opportunities from Verizon partners to bring more STEM into schools

**"The opportunity to participate in the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools initiative gives our students access to up-to-date technology, developing the skills and tools they will need for life."**

- Eduardo Solórzano, Middle Schools Administrator, Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles, California (Cohorts 5, 6 & 7)

# Who Can Apply?

Any interested U.S. school district may submit an application with 2-10 schools. To qualify for consideration, each school must serve students in middle grades and have no less than a 65% free and reduced lunch rate.

**We're accepting applications for Cohort 8 starting May 18, 2020.**



## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION



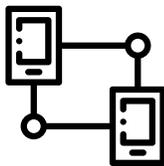
Strong alignment of district and school goals to Verizon Innovative Learning goals



Unanimous support to participate fully in the initiative from district leadership, school leadership, and teaching staff



Stable, visionary, and effective school leadership



Robust wireless infrastructure (1mbps per student) and 100% connectivity throughout each school by August 2020



An environment in which students are able to safely transport devices daily between home and school



**Apply to join the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools network.**

