

Milwaukee Public Schools: Expands Verizon innovative learning

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MILWAUKEE (August 11, 2022) – Milwaukee Public Schools is expanding its participation in [Verizon Innovative Learning](#), Verizon’s education initiative that addresses barriers to digital inclusion. In partnership with Digital Promise, the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program equips every student and teacher at select middle and high schools across America with a device and up to a four-year data plan. In addition to free technology and access, schools receive extensive teacher training and support along with the opportunity to engage in powerful teaching and learning that leverages technology in and out of the classroom.

MPS currently has nine schools participating in the program. Joining them will be:

Academia de Lenguaje y Bellas Artes (ALBA), 1712 S. 32nd St.

Hamlin Garland School, 3120 W. Green Ave.

Lancaster School, 4931 N. 68th St.

Ralph H. Metcalfe School, 3400 W. North Ave.

These additions are among 50 new schools joining Verizon Innovative Learning Schools, bringing the program to more than 560 middle and high schools nationwide. Along with being provided Chromebooks and accompanying 30GB 4G LTE Verizon data plans for every student and teacher, participating schools will be assigned a full-time coach to train teachers in effectively integrating technology into their lessons.

“For students to excel and compete in our highly technological society, they need to develop proficiency at an early age,” said MPS Superintendent Dr. Keith P. Posley.

“This partnership with Verizon is helping to close the digital divide for more students and is enabling strong technology skills.”

“So many students across the nation lack the access to technology and resources needed to be successful in today’s digital world,” said Steven Shaw, Community Engagement Director, Verizon. “On behalf of Verizon, we are excited to continue our partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools to develop the skills, knowledge, and capabilities for a more promising future.”

Verizon Innovative Learning is driving academic improvements as a result of the initiative.* In fact, 88 percent of teachers reported that Verizon Innovative Learning helped them explore new ways of teaching, and 81 percent said the program enhanced student engagement. Eighty-eight percent of teachers reported that Verizon Innovative Learning Schools allowed more individualized instruction in their classrooms.

Learn more about the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program and how to apply at [verizon.digitalpromise.org](https://www.verizon.digitalpromise.org).