

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting September 11, 2018

Blended/Virtual Learning Workshop

Board Goal:

- II. Teaching & Learning
 - Develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life
 - Actively pursue, foster and support an advanced digital learning environment

Purpose of Report

The workshop will share DISD's efforts to develop a blended/virtual school at three high schools. The workshop will give an overview of this new offering.

Objectives

The workshop will:

- identify the teachers, courses, and schools implementing blended learning classrooms
- define and explain "why" blended learning is being developed in DISD
- share the advantages for students and teachers, including
 - Schedules
 - Learning management systems
 - Curriculum and Technology supports
 - Future endeavors

Operational

A teacher at each of the three high schools have devoted a least one period to a blended learning classroom experience. The teachers have received both curriculum and technology support.

Results

Students that access the blended learning classrooms will experience a learning format that will assist them in their transition to college. Most all programs in higher education use a virtual component to their instruction. Our students will have experienced this in a supportive and safe high school environment.

Other Options

Expansion is scheduled for spring 2019 semester and hopefully in fall 2019.