



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: Adopting Schoology (TEA Recommendation) as UISD's new Learning Management System

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DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: _____

INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

The Texas Education Agency is funding Schoology for all Texas Districts for 2 academic years.

UISD is opting for an extension of the free implementation package to ensure the best transition process for teachers, administrators, students and parents to the Single Sign-on Learning Management System, Schoology.

Board Presentation on
Schoology – Learning Management System



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TEA – LMS Announcement

During the Texas Education Agency Commissioner call the last week of July, Commissioner Morath announced that the Texas Education Agency would provide a free Learning Management System (LMS) to assist districts in monitoring student engagement and academic progress as required for reporting attendance and generating school funding for remote learning.

TEA vetted and selected Schoology as the LMS that will be free for districts for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years.

UISD has submitted the agreement (as required by TEA) to partner with Schoology to begin using the LMS for teachers, students and parents to access remote learning.

UISD has selected the Custom Implementation Package to ensure additional support and training for all campus administrators, teachers and C&I personnel at a one time cost of \$67,800.00. Year-2 Schoology Content Subscription Professional Learning will cost approximately \$1,500.00 for the entire district.

TEA – LMS Announcement

Recap: District steps to learning management system adoption



- Free license available for 2 years
- LMS expected to be available for adoption **begins now**

LMS adoption process:

1

LEA indicates interest to receive free LMS

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LMS implementation specialist assigned to LEA to support successful implementation

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LMS provider will work with each LEA to include any customized branding and domain customization. LEA will receive LMS login with onboarding information

4

LMS provider will work with LEA to complete data population, authentication, and any other technical consultation

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LEA has full access to materials for communication rollout and professional development resources

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Standard Implementation Offered

District staff will have access to onboarding and implementation support from Schoology and ESCs

- Districts will receive the same standard implementation as any new district coming on board to Schoology learning
- Regional training sessions will be held virtually, and each district will receive 3 attendee seats
 - Sessions will be delivered for every 8 districts that sign up
 - Sessions will be limited to 20 people
- Additional training
 - Provided by Schoology to each district via the "Getting Started with Schoology" course
 - Districts may purchase additional training as needed
 - Available from Texas ESCs

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UISD Additional Implementation Package



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Our experienced team members are committed to your success. With standardized tools, we help you plan, execute, and track your Unified Classroom Schoolology Learning implementation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Product training follows our proven methodology and is designed to maximize learning, retention using practical application, demonstrations, and hands-on practice. Be confident that your staff is prepared for success.

CONSULTING

Technical Consulting aids in completing tasks or setting up system functionality. Subject Matter Experts provide best practices and strategies that help to drive adoption of Unified Classroom Schoolology Learning across your district. For our Advanced and Custom clients, we include an additional bucket of technical and platform consulting hours, also called Keys to Ownership. Experience has shown that our larger clients require additional consulting during and post implementation. These hours can be utilized up to a year after implementation.



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FAST, STANDARDIZED
IMPLEMENTATION



CONFIGURATION
ASSISTANCE

	CUSTOM
IMPLEMENTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> System Configuration Data Population User Authentication Custom Domain Custom Branding Technical Consulting Grade Passback (if applicable) Technical Planning Best Practices for Migrating from Existing LMS Project Kickoff Data Verification in Test Environment Rollout and Communication Strategies 3 Onsite Planning Days Vision Planning and Change Management Migration of Up To 5,000 Courses from Previous LMS
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 Hours Project Management from Project Manager
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Paced System Administrator Training 8 Hours Remote Professional Development 5 Days Onsite Professional Development
CONSULTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 Hours Keys to Ownership

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Transition from Google to Schoology

Teachers will be able to:

- Access previously created materials since Schoology is able to integrate with Google, Microsoft and other programs
- Hold virtual office hours to keep students learning and engaged and give parents opportunities to ask questions in real time
- Provide parents with full visibility into their child's learning through a parent portal and allows parents the opportunity to message teachers.
- Create self-paced learning paths for students to complete work at their own pace
- Track student usage through robust reports and analytics
- Create engaging learning materials and assignments that incorporate media and videos
- Align work to learning objectives to track student progress towards mastery of key objectives and outcomes
- Use Schoology conferences, announcements, messages, discussions, Zoom, and/or Microsoft teams for continuing asynchronous and synchronous communication with students online

Implementation Plan

Curriculum and Instruction will work with the Schoology Implementation Team to:

- Develop a training schedule for all campus administrators and teachers;
- Develop a timeline for transition from Google Classroom to Schoology (all other Google tools will be housed in Schoology);
- Develop a parallel system to ensure the grading integration is working on Tyler Student Information System and generating accurate reports (progress & report cards);
- Develop a system for uploading additional instructional programs to be accessible in Schoology;
- Develop continuous professional development plans for access to all the abundant virtual training sessions housed within Schoology;
- Develop a system for downloading and analyzing student engagement and academic progress; and
- Develop a continuous communication plan for students and parents on using Schoology.

Continuous Communication

Curriculum and Instruction will continuously inform Superintendent Santos and the Board of Trustees on the implementation of Schoology by:

- Providing usage reports;
- Providing data analytic summary reports; and
- surveying teachers, administrators, students and parents on the use of this new learning management system.

UISD will also promptly communicate any issues or concerns with the TEA and Commissioner Morath.