

WYOMING STATEWIDE DIGITAL LEARNING PLAN

Listening Tour Sessions Major Themes

Listening Tour Summary Input

Everyone agreed that it is imperative to provide our students with the best digital learning experiences possible to increase their engagement in learning and to ensure they are prepared for life after they graduate.

Internet Access Within Schools

Despite the increase in broadband across the state, there are still schools with limited internet access.

Infrastructure and Hardware

The necessary infrastructure to support effective digital learning initiatives is lacking. This includes:

- Lack of technical support (staff is limited)
- Lack of implementation (may have, but not use)
- Devices are sometimes in limited supply or are outdated and poorly maintained

Leadership and Change Management

- Consistent direction
- Prioritize funding and ed tech integration
- Support learning opportunities for teachers
- Support risk taking



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Educator Development

Many participants stressed the need for professional development opportunities so that teachers can become:

- Accustomed to their changing role within digital learning environments and
- Comfortable with seamlessly integrating technology

A need for better preservice preparation for teachers was also expressed.

Learner Development

Participants emphasized the importance of facilitating students' transformation into autonomous digital citizens able to:

- Research and critically examine questions independently,
- Effectively communicate and collaborate with others through both digital and face-to-face mediums, and
- Apply the technological experiences and training they are receiving

Connectivity Outside of School

Given the number of students with no access to internet at home, participants stressed the need for public infrastructure to provide connectivity to their communities (e.g., libraries, after school lab hours, etc.).

Rural Opportunities

Need for students in remote areas to access myriad opportunities for online coursework and learning resources that would not otherwise be available.

Statewide Framework

Clear standards for digital learning and provide:

- Professional development opportunities
- Opportunities for educators across the state to network, connect and exchange best practices
- Guidelines for implementation/integration

