



3 Ways

Digital Learning Prepares Younger Students

for College and Careers



As schools across America strive to ensure college and career readiness for every single child, online and blended learning resources can make a real difference.

Here are three ways digital learning approaches put K-8 students on the path to college and career readiness.

1 Access to a wide world of learning



Research shows that young children are adept at mastering second and third languages, but elementary and middle schools can rarely offer more than the basics.

Would your second-grade students like to try Mandarin while your fourth-grade students experiment with Latin? With online courses they can—even if you have too few students to make hiring a face-to-face teacher practical.

What about coding, robotics, or digital art?
The possibilities are endless.

2 Global connection and collaboration



Online learning has the power to offer students experiences that would be impossible face to face.

Imagine first-grade students in Kansas collaborate with their peers in India to invent solutions to the worldwide trash problem or students touring the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the middle of the night from thousands of miles away.

As you read this, K-8 students are having engaging learning experiences like these thanks to digital learning.

3 Active learning opportunities



Self-management is one of the most essential skills students need to succeed in college and career.

After high school graduation, students can have a rough time transitioning from a world in which parents and teachers plan their schedules, goals, and study time to one in which it's all up to them.

Graduates from online programs tell us again and again about the robust self-management skills they gain from working at their own pace and being accountable for their progress every day. Even K-12 students who take just one or two online courses gain an edge when they enter college and the workplace.