

Future Ready Schools Overview:

Illinois joined <u>Future Ready Schools</u>, a project of the <u>Alliance for Excellent Education</u>, in October 2016. The program connects Illinois with a robust framework of research-based digital learning, planning, and implementation tools and resources promoting <u>Personalized Student Learning</u>.

The free Future Ready program supports Illinois' goal of maximizing digital learning opportunities and coincides with the Illinois Classroom Connectivity Initiative. The Classroom Connectivity Initiative strives to enable high-speed internet in every classroom in Illinois, so all students can take advantage of the promise offered by digital learning.

Districts have the opportunity to participate in Future Ready by taking the Future Ready Pledge, affirming their commitment to work with students, educators, families, and members of their community to transition forward to a culture and practice of personalized, digital learning. Taking the Future Ready Pledge provides districts the opportunity to self-assess the specific strengths and needs of their technology implementation and staff capacity. The wide variety of activities offered to districts by the Future Ready Schools addresses a comprehensive set of issues, including: school culture; leadership; curriculum, instruction, and assessment; personalized professional learning; technology and infrastructure; budget and resources; data and privacy; use of space and time; mentoring and collaborating with other districts; and community partnerships.

View the list of Illinois district superintendents who have taken the Future Ready Pledge here: http://futureready.org/about-the-effort/take-the-pledge/

Check back often for announcements regarding upcoming regional events and additional resources for districts.