Digital Learning Program Review

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A Sun Associates Digital Learning Program Review brings together K-12 district stakeholders in a facilitated process to determine the extent to which the district is meeting its goals and objectives related to utilizing digital learning to support the needs of all teachers and learners.

Benefits

- *The Sun Associates Digital Learning Program Review is a review of district policies and classroom related to the use and integration of digital and blended learning technologies.*

  At its core, the Review is about curriculum, learning, and instruction and how district practices can be improved to meet national standards for digital and blended learning. Issues of technology infrastructure capacity and design are part of the Review's findings and recommendations, but in all cases, curriculum and instruction drives decisions related to infrastructure. The end result is that the Review helps guide a district toward truly understanding and improving the impact of technology on the learning environment.

- *The Digital Learning Program Review process is designed to bring together teachers, administrators, students, and community members in a facilitated reflection on teaching, learning, and other student outcomes.*

  The performance indicators developed through the process facilitated by Sun Associates have the buy-in of the stakeholders responsible for their development. The district community "owns" the Review results and the recommendations arising from the Review.

- *The Digital Learning Program Review derives findings from data from multiple sources across the district and community.*

  Typically, a Sun Associates Digital Learning Program Review incorporates survey, interview, classroom observation, and focus group data. Data is collected from teachers, students, parents, administrators and community members. Other data sources held or developed by the district – such as school climate data, student achievement benchmark data, etc. – can be integrated into the Program Review effort.

- *A Sun Associates Digital Learning Program Review incorporates up-to-date research and information on trends and best-practices related to technology-infused teaching and learning.*

  Educators nationwide are seeing a convergence of standards and initiatives related to digital and personalized learning, the Common Core for Learning, STEM, local/state curriculum standards, and 21st century learning skills. A Sun Associates Digital Learning Program Review helps a district see where these initiatives overlap and helps establish a common theme that ties these initiatives together.

Process

A Sun Associates Digital Learning Program Review typically takes the following course:

1. Sun Associates facilitates a team of district stakeholders in the development and reflection upon unique performance indicators that will guide the Program Review.
2. Sun Associates creates a range of data collection instruments such as surveys, interview and observation protocol that align with the performance indicators.
3. Sun Associates sends a team of professional educational evaluators into the district to collect data from teachers, administrators, parents and students. Data is always collected via a variety of mechanisms intended to create a multi-faceted, triangulated, picture of district performance against the performance indicators.
4. Sun Associates compiles a detailed Program Review report that outlines the Review process, the indicators, and collected data along with findings and recommendations.
5. The Program Review report – with a focus on the findings and recommendations – is discussed with the district stakeholders who commissioned the Review. If the district desires, the Review report can be presented to the broader district community (e.g. School Board) through a professional presentation by Sun Associates staff.

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