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Austin Independent School District Launches "Futures Initiative" Program

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AUSTIN, TX – The Austin Independent School District (AISD) is excited to announce the launch of the "Futures Initiative" program, set to begin with the start of the academic year in August 2025. This groundbreaking program aims to foster technological proficiency and innovation among students across all AISD schools.

The program aims to prepare students for a digital world, close the technology skills gap and inspire a new generation of innovators, entrepreneurs, and technology leaders. A network of classes, clubs, curriculum and partnerships that will contribute to helping make initiatives successful.

New curriculum and resources will help support these efforts while in a school setting. All students will have courses focused on STEM and have opportunities outside of the class curriculum to explore their interests in innovation labs, robotics and coding.

"The Futures Initiative represents our commitment to preparing students for a future where technology and innovation play pivotal roles," said Dr. Maria Hernandez, Superintendent of AISD. "We believe this program will not only enhance our students' learning experiences but also equip them with the skills necessary to thrive in a digital world."

Tech company partnerships and digital literacy workshops will also ensure students are equipped with the knowledge, skills and connections to take into their future.

Professional development for teachers and assessments of the program will take place to promote and deliver the new material and technology into the classrooms. Community engagement will be encouraged through workshops and open houses to promote the program and display the students' work and innovation.

The "Futures Initiative" is geared towards students of all grades within the AISD, with specific modules tailored to each educational level. For more information and inquiries about the Future Initiatives program, visit the <u>Austin ISD</u> website.

This initiative is set to start in Aug. 2025 and is a part of the district's commitment to preparing students for school and life.

About Austin Public Schools:

Austin ISD serves over 70,000 students and has 128 school programs that are committed to preparing students for a future where technology and innovation are key.

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