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Digital Promise

Verizon Innovative Learning at The BEST Academy Atlanta, Georgia

We are excited to announce BEST Academy is now a Verizon Innovative Learning school which is part of the Atlanta Public Schools Digital Bridge Initiative!

The APS Digital Bridge initiative is designed to help close the “Homework Gap” by providing APS students with a take home device with access to applications which promote College and Career Readiness. The mobile device students will receive along with access to several digital resources are an important part of BEST Academy’s curriculum and will be used in classroom instruction to support each student’s learning experience.

What is Verizon Innovative Learning?

Verizon Innovative Learning provides free technology, free internet access, and hands-on learning experiences to help ensure the benefits of technology are realized by all. Through Verizon’s collaboration with Digital Promise, a leading national education technology non-profit, every student and teacher at select middle schools and high schools across America will be equipped with a device and up to a four-year data plan and provide students without reliable home internet access with a mobile hotspot device. In addition to free technology and access, Verizon Innovative Learning schools receive extensive teacher training, support, and the opportunity to engage in unique, immersive curricula to leverage technology in their classrooms.

How will my scholar benefit?

Verizon Innovative Learning is having an impact in middle schools and high schools across the country. Through this initiative, 92% of teachers reported that the program helped prepare them to teach remotely while 84% said it enhanced student engagement. Also, 54% of students reported having improved their confidence in the things they can do.

This is a great opportunity for BEST Academy students to gain essential 21st century skills which will prepare them for meaningful post-secondary options and groom them to be globally competitive.

Our principal, Dr. Jones, and the entire staff are excited to embrace the transformative power of technology in education. It is our goal for *all* BEST students to experience innovative and engaging learning environments that will lead to overall student achievement.

At BEST Academy we are **Learning, Achieving, Becoming...More!**