

Digital Schools Network

Learn Without Limits

Helping Students Learn Without Limits

Today's leading schools are innovating faster than ever. Students are no longer confined to traditional learning environments – they're learning anywhere, on any device, in ways that reimagine what's possible. As part of this approach, schools are drawing on technologies that support collaboration and project-based learning. That way, they can help their students address real-world issues using skills such as critical thinking, problem solving and communication, which better prepares them for a digital future.

Cisco, a global technology leader in education, understands how to help schools innovate to drive higher levels of student engagement and improve learning outcomes. We also understand the power of networks. That's why we've applied our knowledge and expertise to create the Digital Schools Network, a collaboration platform designed to transform the way educators teach and students learn in K-12 school systems.

About the Digital Schools Network

Participating schools are drawing on the Digital Schools Network to help them:

- support innovative types of content sharing (including "virtual excursions")
- create wide-ranging communities of interest
- collaborate with peers and experts worldwide
- create a "be-anywhere, go-anywhere" digital classroom
- prepare students for the digital workplace.

Cisco's mission is for its Digital Schools Network to create a mechanism for schools to connect, collaborate and share. Ultimately, we hope this collaboration helps schools integrate digital technologies more effectively and efficiently, and improve learning outcomes. We also hope our work will contribute to more sustainable and efficient K-12 systems across Asia Pacific and Japan.



Program Benefits

Cisco's Digital Schools Network is designed to help educators and students connect and share lessons and resources within a secure collaboration space. It creates opportunities for continuous teamwork with messaging, file sharing, whiteboards, video meetings and more through the Webex Teams platform.

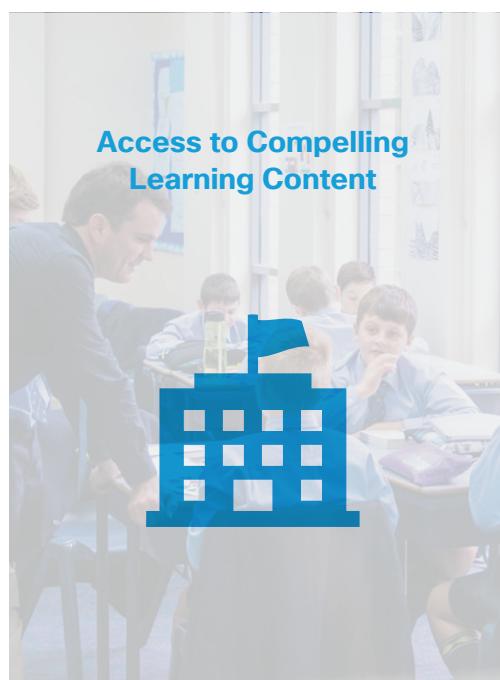
Participating schools can connect with and learn from other schools in the network. They also get priority access to a range of services, including professional development, thought leadership resources, innovative use cases and special rates on Cisco technology.

By joining the Digital Schools Network, your school will be able to:

- Collaborate with participating schools via a digital Webex Teams platform
- Gain access to the latest Cisco thought leadership materials on education and technology, use cases and best practices
- Access a bank of innovative types of content for your classroom from virtual excursions to coding classes
- Take advantage of professional development for educators as they participate in digital learning training and the Cisco Connected Educator program
- Qualify for early adoption of and competitive pricing on Cisco Digital School offers
- Create a future-state digital campus and road map as part of your school's overall strategic transformation plan, with help from Cisco thought leaders and channel partners

The guiding principle of the Digital Schools Network is to create better teacher, student, parent and community experiences through the use of innovative solutions.

The program is expected to create four major benefits for schools:



By joining the program, schools will be able to run joint classes or sessions with local and international schools. They can also access a bank of live virtual excursions and joint professional development opportunities. For example, there are 45 providers of live virtual excursions in Australia, many of which are aligned with the national curriculum. Internationally, there are around 80 additional content providers that can accommodate local time zones.

The Digital Schools Network offers schools a new way to connect with global content providers. It also offers usage and adoption training for teachers, to help them navigate collaborative videos in the classroom. New participants, including those from relevant industries, are regularly enlisted.

The use of technology creates the basis for more effective project-based learning across jurisdictional boundaries and disciplines. The opportunity for students to work on real-world, global problems offers significant educational benefits.



Access to Implementation Experience that Helps Schools Realize Benefits More Quickly



Implementing digital technologies in a school setting can be challenging, particularly for smaller schools. The Digital Schools Network offers access to thought leadership and practical information that will help inform critical decisions and de-risk the implementation process.

Professional learning sessions conducted by Cisco's education thought leaders will also provide schools with a sense of what's possible when digital tools are effectively applied in the teaching context. The network will provide content and solutions in domains that are recognised as critical to digital education implementation.



Access to Global Perspectives on Teaching and Learning



The program will include schools from some of the world's highest-performing K-12 jurisdictions in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region. These connections will help to ensure that participating schools can easily share and learn from relevant perspectives, either through joint classes or by participating in online communities of interest on a range of discussion topics. The mix of countries represented in the network also creates powerful opportunities for cultural and educational exchange – including in areas such as science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and in languages, all of which are becoming a higher priority and a critical economic and societal driver.



Access to Market-Leading Technology



Exemplar schools have invested in world-leading digital collaboration and platform technology, and will also have access to Cisco's ecosystem of industry partners, including Apple. Cisco is a recognised market leader and innovator, ensuring schools that participate have access to today's – and tomorrow's – best technology. Exemplar school commercial rates for Cisco technology will give schools improved value for money and enable them to achieve their strategic goals.

► FIGURE 1:

How the program can leverage technology for
Teaching and Learning

	Supported by Digital Schools Network	Role of the Network
School-Centred Use Cases	1. Safe and secure access for faculty members, teachers, students and the community	● Safeguard physical and data safety
	2. Seamless connection for faculty members, teachers and students, on any device, anytime, anywhere	● Support learning and teaching, anytime and anywhere
	3. Smart mobility solutions for bring-your-own-device and one-to-one deployments	● Support the proliferation of mobile devices with the Cisco/Apple partnership
	4. Administrative and operational efficiency	● Help systems interact in a converged ecosystem
	5. New models and converged digital platforms	● Build a structure that can adapt to new models and technologies now and in the future, featuring shared courses, voice and data convergence, and simplified device management
	6. Proactive learning and analytics	● Provide access to third-party specialist partners
	7. Financial benefits	● Represent a technology investment that carries clear value over time, with future-proof technology that can accommodate new funding sources, lower costs, and application in the classroom and operational fields
	8. Education solutions for now and into the future	● Provide access to Cisco's global education thought leaders

► FIGURE 2:

How the Digital Schools Network can
encourage teacher and student collaboration

	Supported by Digital Schools Network	Role of the Network
School-Centred Use Cases	1. Provide greater subject flexibility and enable remote access	● Connect schools with virtual excursion partners, and other content providers
	2. Connect students with subject matter experts	● Identify and facilitate access to global experts who can provide tips for constructing lessons
	3. Facilitate global student collaboration	● Provide access to a network of leading schools in the region
	4. Provide specialist support for students	● Give guidance on how to access and implement the program
	5. Create extension learning opportunities and pathways into higher education and vocational training	● Facilitate access to universities and training institutions
	6. Deliver professional development support	● Deliver online professional development materials
	7. Facilitate peer-to-peer meetings and encourage communities of interest	● Give advice on meeting techniques
	8. Support school recruitment	● Provide how-to guides and use case examples
	9. Enable consultation between schools and a central office	● Advise those being consulted or doing consultations
	10. Facilitate peer observation	● Provide a network of potential peers willing to observe and provide guidance

How It Works

Achieve meaningful outcomes

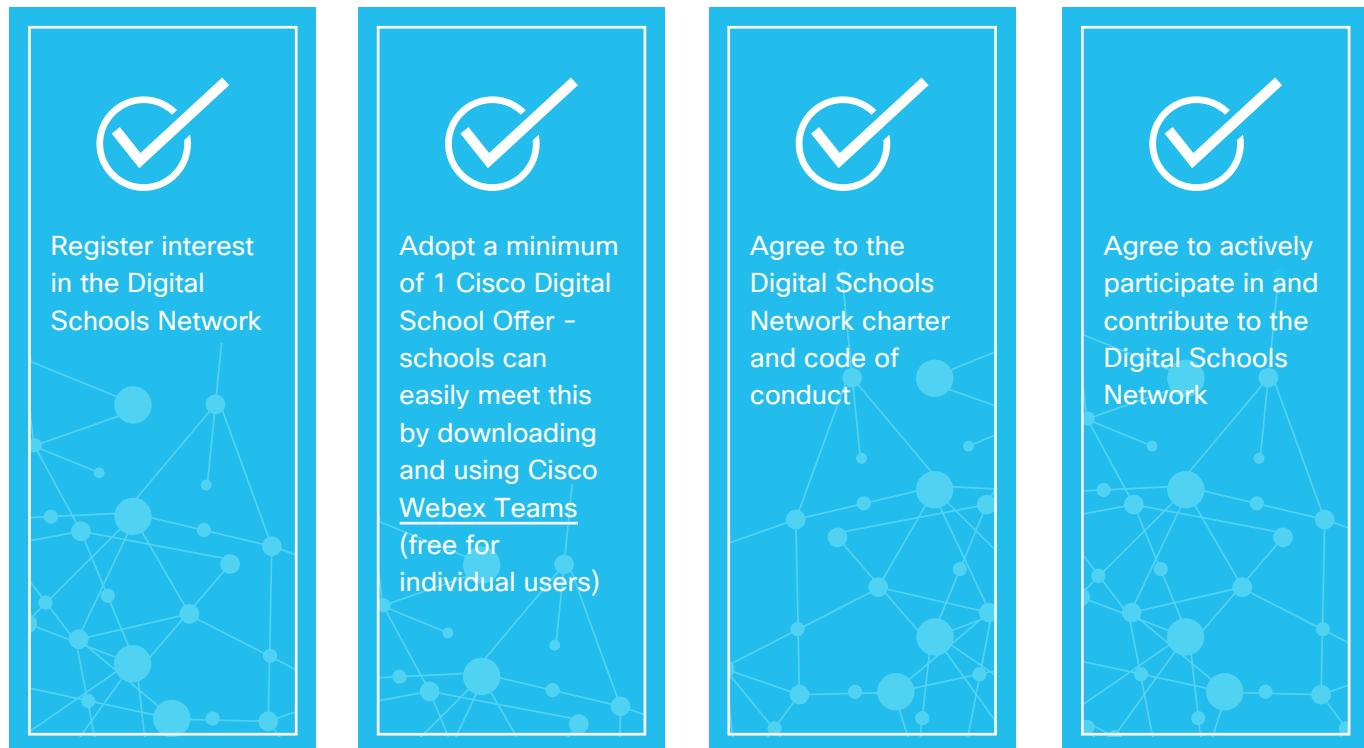
As we want to build a community of schools that will benefit from sharing best practices and build better connections with each other, we have developed a two-tier program level to support this:

Exemplar and Leading Schools

The program level that schools join depends on how ‘digitally ready’ they are. Entry level schools join the ‘Leading’ level, while schools who have already adopted some digital technology capabilities join the ‘Exemplar’ level. Each level comes with differentiated network privileges.

Exemplar Schools	Leading Schools
Minimum of 5 Cisco Digital School Offers Full access to the DSN Program, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attending Digital Education Schools Summit - Priority access to events and workshops, mentoring programs, and Cisco Connected Educator program - Early access to Cisco Education thought leadership materials and more 	Minimum of 1 Cisco Digital School Offer Limited access to program, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaboration with other schools on the Webex Teams platform - Access to education thought leadership materials, workshops, and more

To qualify at the Leading level, schools must:

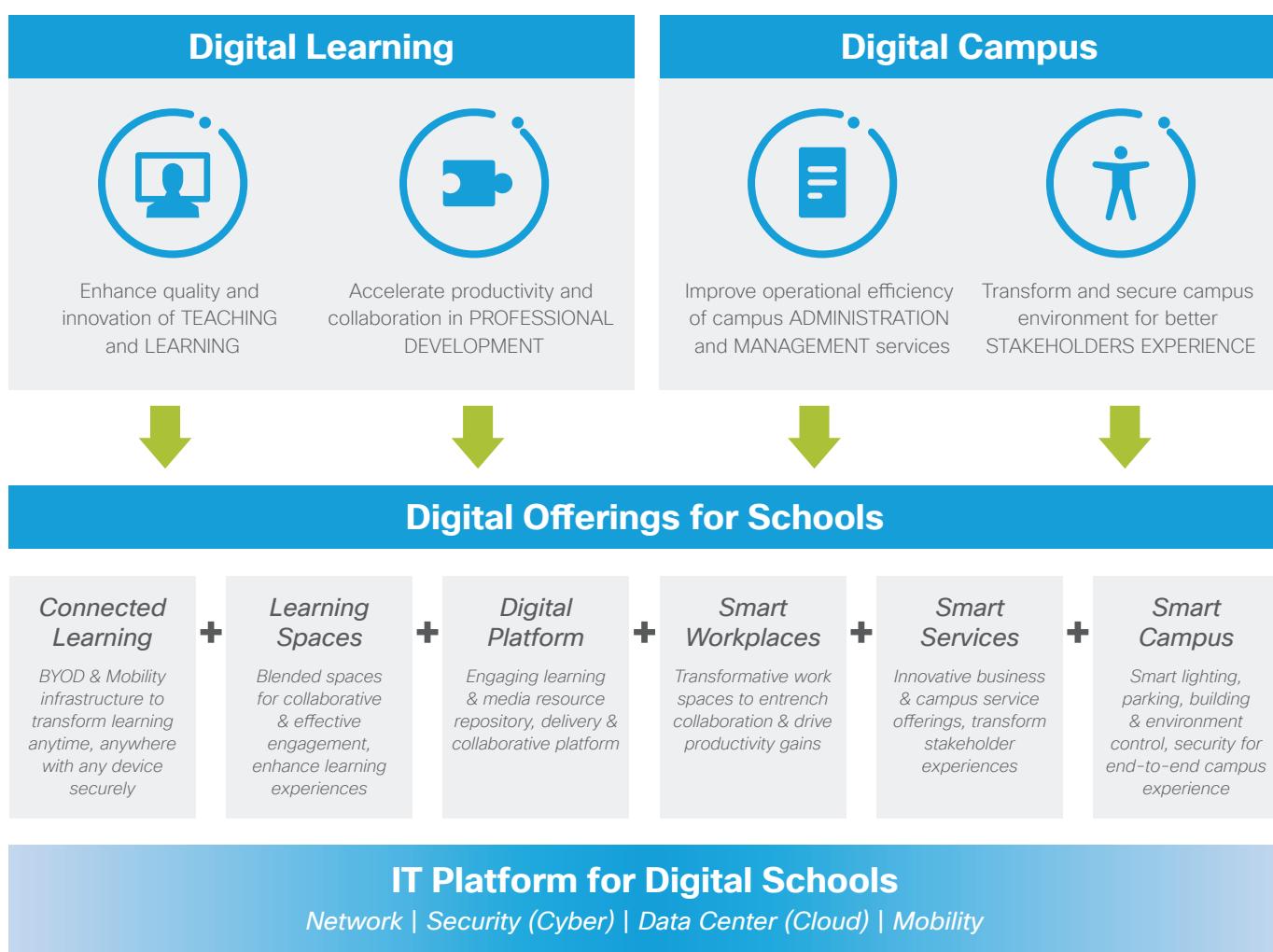


Digital School Offers

The Cisco Digital Education Platform is your foundation for student success in a connected world. Built on a highly secure core network, the platform provides uncompromising collaboration tools, state-of-the-art wireless, and security everywhere.

Digital Offerings for Schools:

In an effort to use technology as a differentiator in education to enable better student outcomes and engagement, Cisco offers 6 Digital Offerings to help in supporting this vision.



Connect with your Cisco Account Manager to learn more about these offers and build a digital plan for your school.

Digital Schools Network Membership Benefits

As a member of the Digital Schools Network, you will have:

1. A connection to a network of higher education institutions, allowing you to share resources and learn from one another, enhancing your school's teaching and learning capabilities
2. Access to specialized webinars featuring global thought leaders, and schools that are leading examples of innovative technology use
3. Preferred pricing for Cisco services and tools, with more details available in a personalized consultation

Together, we can use technology to make a positive impact on teaching and learning.

We hope the possibilities of building such a network excites you, and look forward to your school and students joining us on the journey of learning without limits. Are you ready to join this network?



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