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 active learning, collaborative learning, entrepreneurial learning and project or problem-based learning to help their students address real-world issues using skills such as critical thinking, problem solving and communication, to prepare them for the digital world.

About the Digital Schools Network

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 community-based program designed to enable educators and students to connect, collaborate, learn and share experiences and resources within a secure digital collaboration platform – to transform traditional schools into Digital Schools.

Participating schools can draw on the Digital Schools Network to help them:
• derive innovative teaching and learning practices enabled by digital technologies
• create a “be-anywhere, go-anywhere” digital classroom
• participate in wide-ranging communities of interest
• connect & collaborate with peers and experts across the region
• prepare students for the digital workplace

Cisco’s goal for the Digital Schools Network is to create a community of schools that connects, collaborates and shares. We envision that this collaboration will help schools integrate digital technologies more effectively and innovatively into education and improve learning outcomes. Our hope is that our work together will contribute to higher performing school systems across the Asia Pacific region that are more relevant, efficient and sustainable in the Digital Age.
Digital Schools Network Program Benefits

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

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

1. **Access to Compelling Learning Content**

   By joining the program, schools will be able to run joint classes or sessions with local and international schools. They can also participate in 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.

2. **Access to Implementation Experiences that Help Schools Realise Benefits Faster**

   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 recommend solutions that are recognised as critical to digital education implementation.
By joining the Digital Schools Network, schools will be able to enjoy the following benefits from Cisco:

- Collaborate securely with participating schools via Cisco Webex Teams platform
- Gain access to the latest Cisco thought leadership materials on education and technology, use cases and best practices
- Access a range of IT curriculum from the Cisco Networking Academy program
- Participate in the Cisco Connected Educator program – a teachers’ professional development and certification in digital teaching and learning practices
- 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 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.

Digital schools will have complimentary access to Cisco’s world-leading Webex Teams secure digital collaboration platform. This provides opportunities for continuous teamwork with messaging, file sharing, whiteboards, video meetings and much more.

Participating schools will not only have access to today’s – and tomorrow’s – best technology from a market leader and innovator like Cisco, but also Cisco’s ecosystem of education and industry partners. Schools will also be able to benefit from special education rates for Cisco technology that will deliver greater value for money for schools and enable them to achieve their strategic goals.
How It Works

Catering to all Schools

As it is critical to build a network that caters to schools at different points in their technological journey in education, a two-tier school membership structure has been created for the Digital Schools Network.

Member and Leading Schools

All approved schools will initially join the network by default as a ‘Member School’, and will be offered the free licence use of Cisco Webex Teams*. This ensures Member Schools will be using at least one Digital Technology during their participation in the network. Subsequently, Member Schools who use multiple Digital Technology use cases within their school can apply to be promoted to the ‘Leading School’ tier to enjoy additional benefits.

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| Selected access to program, including:  
  • Collaboration with other schools on Cisco Webex Teams platform  
  • Access to education thought leadership materials, workshops, and more | Full access to the DSN Program, including:  
  • Attending Digital Education Schools Virtual Summit  
  • Priority access to activities such as events and workshops, mentoring programs, and Cisco Connected Educator program  
  • Early access to Cisco Education thought leadership materials and more |

*Please refer to Webex Teams license and terms and conditions.
Digital Schools Technology Use Cases

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

**Connect the school**
- School wireless and connectivity
- Mobile experiences and location services
- Smart school and automation

**Streamline administration**
- Data-informed operations
- Administrative collaboration
- Student engagement and retention services

**Promote active learning**
- Active learning spaces
- Distance learning
- Teacher professional development

**Facilitate safety and security**
- Network, endpoint, and web security
- Identity and access control
- Video surveillance and physical security

**Fuel innovative research**
- Educational Research & Collaboration
- Cloud Computing
- Content and Data Security
How to Join

The following are the steps to becoming a Digital Schools Network member:

01 Register interest in the Digital Schools Network

02 Adopt a minimum of 1 Digital Technology Use Case (schools can easily meet this by downloading and using Cisco Webex Teams, free for individual users)

03 Agree to the Digital Schools Network charter and code of conduct

04 Participate actively as “Member School” and contribute to the Digital Schools Network

05 Employ more technology use cases and apply to be promoted from “Member School” to the “Leading School” tier and enjoy additional benefits

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

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

Register your interest now

For more information on the Digital Schools Network, visit our website, contact your Cisco Account Manager, or email ask-dsn@cisco.com