

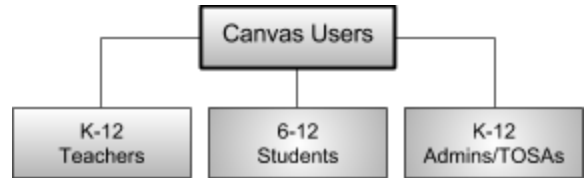


Greetings Teachers and Administrators!

As the school year winds down, we want you to be aware of an exciting opportunity that will be available this coming Fall 2017 to support blended learning in PPS. The district has purchased licenses for an online learning management system (LMS) called Canvas.

Canvas is a hub for personalizing learning using technology and features such as:

- Learning Modules and Assignments
- Rubrics and Outcomes
- Quizzes
- Multimedia Communication tools
- Individual and group differentiation
- Tools to organize your online content
- Ability to share and use content, units, and courses with colleagues



Here's what you need to know for 2017-18:

- Canvas is an **optional resource** to support instructional practice. It is available, but not required.
- Canvas will be used for K-12 professional development.
- Canvas will be available to students in grades 6-12.
- **Support and training** for Canvas will include self-paced courses, online district support, drop-in video conferences, and webinars supported by PPS and Canvas.
- These introductory [videos](#) will help you get started on thinking how you might use Canvas in your classroom.
- If you are interested exploring Canvas, go to <http://pps.net/canvas>.

Canvas is a dynamic teaching and learning system that supports best practices for blended learning. Canvas will not replace Synergy as our district's grade book.

If you would like further information or have questions, please check out [pps.net/canvas](http://pps.net/canvas) or our district point contact, Blended Learning TOSA, Matthew Marchyok at [mmarchyok@pps.net](mailto:mmarchyok@pps.net) or 503-916-5476.

