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AISD unveils "Futures Initiative" program implementing new technology and encouraging innovation

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Austin, TX – Austin ISD is launching an ambitious new educational program that will feature cutting-edge technology in the curriculum to prepare students for their futures by fostering technological proficiency and encouraging innovation. The program will begin with the start of the academic year in August 2025 across all Austin Independent School District schools.

This new initiative is seeking to transform how students learn through the integration of new technology and innovative teaching methods. Enhanced STEM curriculum will include upgraded courses with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to provide students with a solid foundation in these areas. The program will also feature coding classes to introduce computer programming to students starting in elementary school, after school programs and clubs dedicated to robotics, digital literacy workshops to ensure the proficiency of cybersecurity for students, and innovation labs equipped with 3D printers and virtual reality setups to encourage hands-on learning and experimentation.

"We are so excited to implement this new program that will inspire students with curiosity and innovation while simultaneously preparing them for any career path they may choose," said Dr. Maria Hernandez, Superintendent of Austin ISD.

The program will also feature tech company partnerships, where students will be able to collaborate with leading technology companies to offer mentorship, internships, and real-world technology project experiences.

To learn more about the "Futures Initiative" program, you can find information on the <u>AISD</u> <u>Website</u> or by contacting them at (512) 414-2297.

AISD's "Futures Initiative" program will transform their educational landscape by integrating new state-of-the-art technology and innovative teaching methods into every classroom, starting from elementary schools to high schools. It will enhance the STEM curriculum by upgrading

courses, coding classes, robotics clubs, and innovation labs. By making these advancements, AISD is preparing students for future career paths and fostering a curiosity of wonder and innovation across its schools.

Austin ISD educates 72,830 students and embraces 116 diverse school communities in one of the fastest-growing metroplexes in the United States. They are committed to providing a comprehensive educational experience that is high-quality, challenging, and inspires all students to make a positive contribution to their community.

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