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Two emerging areas of interest in education are Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and digital resources including e-textbooks/e-books. As District 225 continues the development of our 21st Century Learning Ecosystem, both BYOD and digital resources are critical elements to explore in enhancing our browser-centric, cloud-based learning initiatives.

To that end, we have designed a Digital Learning Pilot this summer with two broad goals:

1. Explore the learning and teaching experience within a BYOD environment.
2. Explore the learning, literacy, and teaching experience with e-textbooks/e-books.

Summer Pilot Overview

In the pilot courses, students will be asked to bring their own computing device (e.g. Laptop, tablet, etc.) to class on a daily basis. Three options are available to students in this pilot:

- Students can bring a device and they will receive access to a free digital textbook throughout the duration of the course.
- Students without a device will have the option of being provided one by the District at no cost for the duration of the summer course. This includes access to the free digital textbook.
- Students who prefer a traditional print textbook will need to purchase one. They are not required to bring their own personal computing device to class.

The information garnered from this pilot will help in shaping future planning. Additional details regarding the summer pilot will be presented along with plans for an expanded pilot this fall. We are prepared to address questions relating to BYOD, digital resources, and browser-centric, cloud-based learning.