



Digital Ambassador Program 2019

Grand Prairie ISD

Grand Prairie ISD Technology is pleased to announce the Digital Ambassador Program for School Year 2019. The goal of the program is to designate innovative teachers who are interested in creating a learning environment where teachers design relevant, engaging work for students. Digital Ambassadors will expand the footprint of technology integration as well as provide more support for teachers at each campus as they infuse technology into their lessons. In order to expand the footprint, the Ambassadors will receive training and classroom technology incentives that will help reach these goals.

What is a Digital Ambassador?

A Digital Ambassador is one teacher chosen at each campus, **by the campus Principal**, that is ready to learn and share lessons and ideas for infusing technology into their content area. The Ambassador has a positive attitude towards technology and sees the value for using it with students.

How do I become a Digital Ambassador?

The process starts with the Campus Principal nominating the teacher and asking them to complete this online form. [Link to form.](#)

What is the timeline for the program?

The online nomination form is now open and the **DUE DATE is Thursday, November 14, 2019.**

The training date for Fall Semester is Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 8:30am - 3:30 pm at SGP Vern Alexander, room A113.

What training will be provided?

The chosen Digital Ambassadors will receive training to help them infuse technology into their classroom. One day will be held during the Fall semester and one day will be in the Spring semester. The training will be delivered by our Apple Professional Learning Specialist and our Director of Technology Integration. Topics will focus on technology integration with Apple iPad devices and Apple apps.

What is expected of a Digital Ambassador?

The Ambassador will be required to share and model technology integrated lessons for other teachers at their campus. The sharing opportunities can be held during campus PD days or at another times/dates designated by the Campus Principal.

What if a Digital Ambassador transfers to another campus or leaves the district?

If a Digital Ambassador *leaves the district*, the current campus has the option to distribute the technology incentives to another teacher that will fill in their place. If the Digital Ambassador leaves that campus and moves to another campus in GPISD, they may take the incentives with them if it fits their new assignment. They will be expected to continue their Ambassador role at the new campus. A replacement Digital Ambassador will be nominated by their former campus principal, should they leave for another campus within the district.

What incentives will be provided to the Digital Ambassador at each campus?

Digital Ambassador be gifted one day of training during the fall and one during the spring. A substitute will be paid for by Technology Integration. The Digital Ambassador will also have a choice of a technology incentive. They will be advised to choose the option that best fits the instructional need, content and grade level in their classroom. Ambassadors will designate this choice during the online nomination form.

Options for Incentives

See the links for information about each item.

- A. Logitech Crayon 4 qty (all ages)
- B. Codapillars, 4 qty (ages 3-6)
- C. Osmo, Genius Starter Kit, 2 qty (ages 6-10)
- D. 1 Apple TV (included is HDMI cable and Kanex adapter) (all ages)

Checklist for the Digital Ambassador Program

- Read the Digital Ambassador information pages
- Principal nominates their one Digital Ambassador**, give this digital copy to Ambassador so they can have the link to complete the [online form](#).
- The Digital Ambassador completes the link to the Nomination form no later than 4:00pm, Thursday, November 14, 2019.
- In the nomination form, the Ambassador chooses the technology incentive that best fits their need, content and grade level.
- The Ambassador posts the required training date of Thursday, November 21 to their calendar as a reminder of the training and then attends the training. Subs are provided by Technology Integration.
- Integrate the technology incentives and other technology integration strategies after the equipment arrives to your campus (later in the fall semester)
- Share your technology integration ideas with other teachers at your campus during PLCs, faculty meetings, campus PD days, etc.