



Blackboard

Metro Nashville Public Schools:

# Evolution of a Digital District

Like many districts across the U.S., Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) is transitioning to the next generation of academic standards incorporating the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS). While setting goals for 2018, district leaders uncovered three key challenges that they overcame with the help of teaching and learning solutions from Blackboard.

## AT A GLANCE:

### Challenge:

District leaders faced a series of challenges including student engagement, professional development, technology integration in the classroom, and college and career readiness.

### Solution:

Academic leaders in MNPS leveraged Blackboard solutions to create a virtual school, train teachers, provide choice, and make learning personal.

### Results:

- 5,000% growth in full-time Virtual School enrollments over five years.
- Over 1,500% growth in part-time Virtual School enrollments over five years.
- MNPS Virtual School now offers 72 unique classes contributing to at least \$379,427 in cost savings each year.
- MNPS' graduation rate improved 32 percentage points over seven years.
- 5,000+ MNPS teachers completed online All Star Professional Development program.
- 83% of teachers are more comfortable using technology in the classroom.
- Improved and personalized instruction for 80,000+ students.
- \$1,300,000 minimum savings from professional development through Blackboard in just year one.
- Systematic implementation of blended learning model.