

How D2L Brightspace Supports Young Learners

Young learners have unique needs when it comes to technology in the classroom.

Not only are they learning to read, write and socialize in their daily lives, but they're also learning tech skills like typing and navigation. For teachers who are already supporting learners in diverse and changing ways day to day, adding endless tech platforms to their plate presents challenges. But if technology helps you with daily tasks, lets you focus on individual student needs and allows you to continue to build community and engage students in new ways, amazing things can happen.

With D2L Brightspace, teachers, young learners and families can use a single, secure platform that supports learning and communication needs both inside and outside the classroom, making your life easier and creating new ways to teach and learn. Let's look at some of the tools that make this possible.



Communicate

Foster connection between teachers, families and students—including early readers and nonreaders.

Connect easily and regularly with parents by sharing student work and keeping them in the loop on what's coming up, all without relying on a weekly email or an agenda making it home in the backpack.

Brightspace Parent & Guardian App



Record videos for students with automatically generated closed captions to help develop literacy skills. Students can send videos to their teachers too, removing barriers that reading and typing may create.

Video Note

Post important messages in one central place and schedule upcoming announcements—prepare all your messages at once and save yourself time later in the week.

Announcements

Encourage two-way communication with students right on the class homepage.

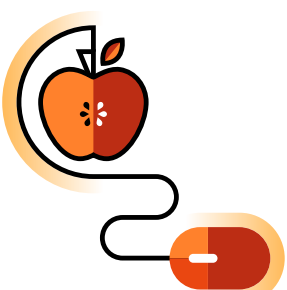
Activity Feed

Engage

Build a community and express your unique classroom and teaching style.

Motivate young learners with a gamified learning experience where you can choose to automatically release badges based on set criteria like participation, or manually release badges to recognize important skills like being kind to peers.

Awards



Grab your students' attention and personalize the experience by automatically including each student's name in your communications. Say goodbye to generic greetings and say hello to {FirstName}.

Replacement Strings

Express your unique teaching style and customize your homepage the way you want it. Highlight important links, include your bio or embed tools you use daily.

Custom Widgets

Keep all your teaching resources in one place, tie each to learning outcomes and decide what students see and when.

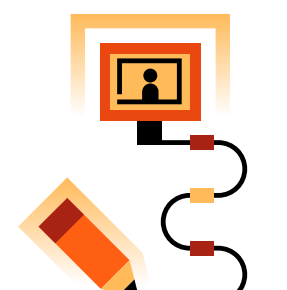
Content, Release Conditions

Collaborate

Chat face-to-face with students and work together with colleagues in a shared space.

Access and share files like lesson plans and resources from a central database.

Learning Object Repository



Connect over video in a secure environment and use teaching and learning tools like the whiteboard and polls to create an interactive experience.

Virtual Classroom

With a teachers' lounge course, plan and share teaching ideas with your colleagues using the same tools you teach with.

Discussions and more

Integrate your favorite apps and external tools right into Brightspace so students only have one login to remember.

Integrations

Empower

Deliver a learning experience that reaches and supports every student.

Give early readers and nonreaders the autonomy to explore freely with customizable, icon-based navigation.

Icon-Based Navigation



Involve students in documenting their learning with an easy-to-use Portfolio tool built specifically for—and tested by—young learners. The guided Funster mode supports nonreaders by using audio prompts.

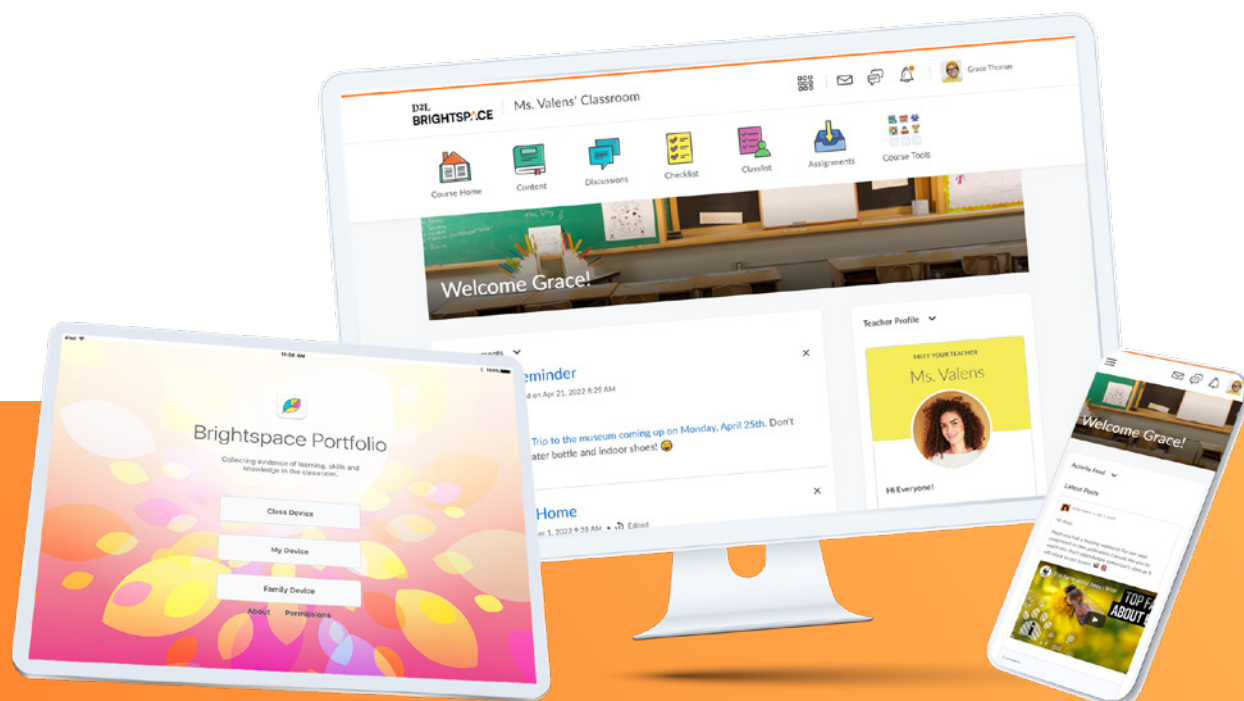
Portfolio

Reach every student in your class by easily reviewing accessibility before sharing your content or communications.

Accessibility Checker

Access anything in the platform no matter what device you're on and without being tethered to a desktop.

Responsive Design



Deliver a best-in-class teaching and learning experience for teachers and young learners with **Brightspace**. >