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Austin ISD Launches 'Futures Initiative' to Equip Students for Tomorrow's Tech Challenges

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Austin, TX – August 2024 – The Austin Independent School District (AISD) is happy to reveal the launch of its game-changing "Futures Initiative."

The "Futures Initiative" is a new, transformative program started by the Austin Independent School District in August 2024, designed to integrate cutting-edge technology and innovative teaching methods to prepare students for a rapidly changing digital world. This program will include upgraded courses with science, technology, engineering and math as the main focus, coding classes, robotics clubs and multiple partnerships with tech companies.

The addition of the "Futures Initiative" will ensure AISD's commitment to preparing students to be more comfortable when dealing with technology and exploring careers in the digital world by providing hands-on experience. Students in AISD will have an advantage when tackling STEM-related challenges due to this program laying the foundation.

"The 'Futures Initiative' is all about making sure that our students are prepared for higher education and closing the gap to ensure equitable access to technology education," said Dr. Maria Hernandez, Superintendent of AISD.

In addition to a revamped STEM curriculum, the initiative includes partnerships with leading tech companies, offering students hands-on experiences through mentorships and internships. The tech partnerships are vital for the students in AISD as they provide collaborations with leading tech companies to offer mentorships, internships and hands-on real-life experiences. Digital literacy workshops are designed to make sure that every student is proficient in using digital resources and understanding cybersecurity fundamentals. Lastly, innovation labs are spaces just for students, which will be equipped with 3D printers, VR setups and other tech tools to encourage and foster hands-on learning and experimentation.

"We at Austin ISD are committed to closing the technology skills gap and taking transformative measures for our students," said Dr. Hernandez.

To learn more about the "Futures Initiative," visit the Austin ISD website at www.austinisd.org. Feel free to give us a call at 512-886-6434.

The "Futures Initiative" is a daring move in AISD's dedication to high-quality education. Not only is the district eliminating the skills gap in technology but also establishing Austin as a leader in the integration of technology and education by educating students to take on future issues head-on.

About Austin ISD:

Austin ISD was established in 1881 and consists of 116 diverse schools, which include elementary, middle, high, early college, academy, magnet, alternative and community schools. The school district houses 72,830 students and 5,093 classroom teachers. Austin ISD's mission is to prepare every student with the knowledge and skills to thrive in college, career and life.

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