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SmartLabs Coming to East Troy Community School District

East Troy to be first district in the state with SmartLabs

EAST TROY, Wis. – East Troy School District announced SmartLabs are coming to the district, making it the first district in the state to implement such a lab.

According to Creative Learning Systems, the driving force behind SmartLabs, is the quest to make STEM programming relevant for all students. A SmartLab is a fully integrated learning environment where everything, ranging from technology and furniture to curriculum and assessment, work together to provide opportunities for hands-on and minds-on learning. The biggest benefit is the ability to personalize learning for students at an individual level and at all ages.

“The idea that we are able to personalize learning for these students by infusing more choice and voice, goal setting, and authentic real world application into the learning environment is a benefit that is simply outstanding,” said Dr. Christopher Hibner, Superintendent of the East Troy School District. “When you can provide a personalized learning environment that can get students more engaged with their learning, you can increase the overall quality of education you provide as a district. That is what these SmartLabs have to offer and why we’re so excited to bring them into the district.”

SmartLab students will be able to explore alternative energy, computer graphics, mechanics and structures, simple machines, circuitry, scientific data and analysis, digital communications, robotics, and software engineering. Students are able to use a variety of technologies and manipulatives in projects that matter to them both personally and academically. In addition, students create their own ePortfolios to document and present what they have learned. Overall, the SmartLab program provides more opportunities for students to take charge of their learning, exploring what interests them and solving problems along the way. It promotes more collaboration and creation among students and more active learning.

By becoming the first district in the state to implement SmartLabs, East Troy once again demonstrates its commitment to using all available resources to provide students with the best possible learning experience they can get. These hands-on, practical learning methods will help students by invigorating the culture of learning.

“We want all students to have high-quality learning environments that expose them to critical areas of learning like creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration,” said Dr. Hibner. “Having the most up-to-date resources will support them as they learn, undo their learning and re-learn in new, exciting ways.”

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