

# LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

A **learning management system** is a digital platform that provides an **online space** to support learning experiences. Within learning management systems, teachers are able to **collect, organize, and share** learning materials with their students. Utilizing a learning management system promotes easy access for students as it provides a **centralized location** for blended and online learning materials.

## ◆ Benefits of using an LMS ◆



### Accessibility

Students can benefit from teachers' consideration of alternative formats of learning. The **Universal Design for Learning** framework provides accessibility strategies. Teachers can also upload **supplemental resources** for their students and include videos with transcriptions.



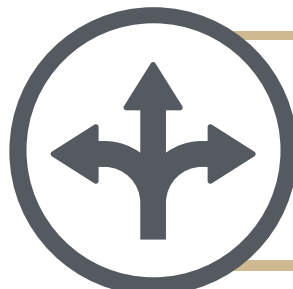
### Assessment

Teachers can create **assignments** and **assessments** within the LMS that assess students' knowledge and application. Based on assessment, student groups can be created for collaborative projects and differentiated assignments.



### Communication

Teachers can use a learning management system to provide **announcements** and reminders, such as video conferencing links, assignment clarifications, and upcoming deadlines. In addition to emailing students within a learning management system, student-to-student interaction can also occur using discussion boards.



### Flexibility

Learning management systems can support teachers in **tailoring learning materials** to meet student needs. Digital tools can often be embedded into learning management systems to provide visual support and hands-on experiences. Grouping features can also be used to **provide supplemental resources**.



### Organization

Within learning management systems, teachers can collect and organize learning materials into units of content. Gradually releasing units of content helps to **reduce the cognitive load** for students, as it breaks new content into **smaller chunks** of learning.

## ◆ Common LMSs Used in Indiana Schools ◆

