

**NC Digital Learning Plan Working Session
March 10-11, 2015**



Purpose: To bring together experts and practitioners to garner input, explore potential solutions, and develop recommendations on several key areas identified in the NC DL Plan development.

Tuesday

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Kick-off Luncheon, Overview, and Introductions

1:30 - 4:45 pm

Initial Input on Key Topics

Goal: To provide opportunities for each participant to give input on two key topics and to encourage collaboration across the broad range of experts and practitioners.

Topics:

1. Central and Regional Support Functions
2. Providing Devices to Teachers and Students
3. Providing Support for Digital Learning within Each School
4. Assessing Students' Digital Learning Achievement
5. Roles of Teachers
6. Pipelines and Career Paths to Ensure Educators and Administrators Are Prepared for Digital Learning
7. Curriculum Content Procurement and Creation
8. Design of a State Grant Program to Further Digital Learning

Participants will be divided into assigned groups by topic. Each group will focus on the following:

- What are various approaches to the question? What should the state role be in these approaches?
- What are the + and - for different approaches?
- What are the possible trade-offs that need to be considered? What models should be considered or highlighted?
- What are the outstanding questions to address?

Debrief:

- Representatives from each of the Key Topics will share out some of the outstanding questions and initial thinking on trade-offs to consider.

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Reception at the Friday Institute

Wednesday

8:30 - 9:00 am

Networking Hot Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 am

Setting the Stage: Day 2

9:30 - 12:00 pm

Deep Dive into Key Topics

Goal: To garner in-depth input on two of the Key Topics most closely aligned with participants' expertise. This session will build upon the initial work from Day 1.

Topic Categories for Day 2 will include:

1. Central support and grant program
2. Role of teachers and pipeline
3. Devices and within school support
4. Assessment and curriculum

Each group will develop the following:

- Additional questions to consider
- Research needed
- Models to consider from within or outside of NC
- Recommendations/possible solutions for the topic
- State policies and supports
- Recommendations for next steps
- Specific findings to share with the Advisory Board

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Networking Lunch

Participants will be encouraged to sit with others they have not yet had a chance to meet or who were not in their Deep Dive session. Members of the DL Plan Advisory Board will likely join the group for lunch.

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Sharing with the Advisory Board

Goal: To provide time for the working session participants to share outcomes briefly with the Advisory Board and for the Advisory Board members to ask questions of the various groups.

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Closing and Wrap-Up