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**Digital Content and Curriculum Achievement Awards Celebrate Schools Using Technologies that Advance Education Outcomes**

*100% graduation rate with no dropouts since implementation of Wagon Wheel of Learning and Performance-Based Learning just one example of progress made*

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. — June 15, 2015 —** [e.Republic's](#) Center for Digital Education (CDE) will present the third-annual Digital Content and Curriculum Achievement Awards for K-12 at the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) 2015 conference in Philadelphia on June 29.

The [Digital Content and Curriculum Achievement Awards program](#) was established by the Center for Digital Education to recognize schools for their innovation and diligence in digital content and curriculum program implementation.

“We are pleased to announce the honorees of the 2015 Digital Content and Curriculum Achievement Awards,” said Alan Cox, Senior Vice President for the Center for Digital Education. “It is clear that schools all over the country are moving from pilot projects to full-scale implementations. Districts are combining content created by their faculty with content curated from other organizations or purchased from private-sector curriculum providers in ways not truly realized in past years. This year’s honorees are taking the practice of education to new heights that show great promise for other districts to follow.”

[Schools earning top honors](#) include:

- **Taylor County School District in Kentucky** –Performance-Based Education (PBE) and the Wagon Wheel of Learning (WWL) programs were integrated in the district beginning in 2011/2012. The WWL incorporates “wheel spokes” of traditional teaching, project-based learning, self-paced learning, group, and virtual learning. The methods enable teachers and students to determine in which wheel spoke they can most effectively teach and learn. Students can also move between spokes. Since implementation, the district has had zero dropouts and a 100 percent graduation rate.
- **Leander Independent School District in Texas** uses open educational resources and teacher-created content. Funds were reallocated to hire an in-house curator to initiate a digital mathematics curriculum. By implementing a collaboration among math facilitators, the curator, and teachers, curriculum documents and structures were developed around the new standards; digital resources were located, evaluated, vetted and aligned to the documents. This new digital content format is part of the district’s Mobile Learning Initiative.

To see all the honorees and their award-winning initiatives click [here](#).

**K-12 Large District/School (12,000 or more students) Honorees:**

- Baltimore County Public Schools – Students and Teachers Accessing Tomorrow (S.T.A.T.) Reforming Digital Curriculum and Content for Learner-Centered Instruction
- Clark County School District, Nev. – 100,000 Students in Online and Blended Learning by 2015-16
- Fulton County Schools, Ga. – Learning Gets Personal in Fulton County Schools
- Houston Independent School District – Transforming Teaching and Learning
- Leander Independent School District, Texas – Creating Curriculum through Crowdsourcing, Curation, Collaboration, and Community
- Northwest Independent School District, Texas – Consolidating a Creative and Collaborative Curriculum

**K-12 Small-Medium District/School (up to 12,000 students) Honorees:**

- Maine Township High School District 207 – 1:1 Program
- Saline Area Schools, Mich. – Next-Gen Classrooms
- Somers Public School District, Conn. – Technology in the Lives of Somers Students
- Taylor County School District, Ky. – Performance-Based Education/The Wagon Wheel of Learning
- Tullahoma City Schools, Tenn. – Digital Delivery of Open Source Curricular Content

CDE thanks premier sponsor, Samsung, and sponsor, Apex Learning, for underwriting the 2015 Digital Content and Curriculum Achievement Awards.

**About The Center for Digital Education**

The [Center for Digital Education](#) (CDE) is a national research and advisory institute specializing in K-12 and higher education technology trends, policy, and funding. CDE provides education and industry leaders with decision support and actionable insight to help effectively incorporate new technologies in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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