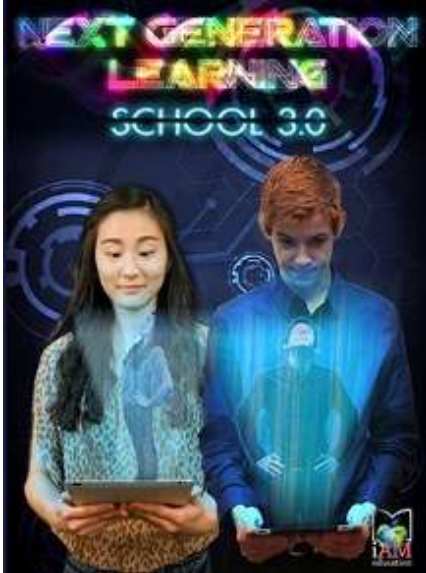


NEXT GENERATION LEARNING SCHOOL 3.0



Next Generation Learning - School 3.0 Phase II



When Avon Maitland launched its 1 to 1 iPad Project in the fall of 2013, it was the result of understanding that education today is now quite different than in the past. The Board's Strategic Plan focuses on ensuring that our students gain competency in the following areas: **collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving**. These competencies have been identified as critical when preparing students for life after school. While nothing will replace the importance of good teaching, technology has a role to play in helping students improve in these broad areas.

The 1 to 1 project contributes to the goals of the Strategic Plan but the Board also understands that there is much more to *21st century learning* than just putting technology into the hands of our students. It is for this reason Avon Maitland has now branded this initiative with the name **Next Generation Learning - School 3.0**. There are many ingredients in the mix that will lead to student success in this new generation of education.

In the fall of 2013 the Board moved forward by putting a device in the hands of grade 7 and 8 students at MDHS, Clinton PS, Hullett Central PS, Seaforth PS and Huron Centennial PS, believing that it would accelerate our movement toward competency in the five key areas. Today the Board is providing evidence of the tremendous impact of Phase I as the students been engaged by having their own device. This device is now incorporated into classroom learning and has levelled the playing field for all students involved. The impact has far exceeded the Board's expectations as illustrated in a student demonstration and featured in a video.

Our plan continues to be that the Board works with the schools and teachers creating a model where the iPad is the predominate teaching and learning tool in the classroom. Avon Maitland has committed to providing as much PD as the teachers need to make sure we are getting the greatest possible benefit from the investment.

It has increased student engagement, allowing students to dig deeper, make more connections with their work, and explore global perspectives. It has positively impacted our environmental footprint as we move to a paperless practice. The Board is confident that this project is transforming teaching and learning in Avon Maitland, as *we engage, inspire and innovate* so that we are "**Always Learning**".

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The Avon Maitland District School Board is pleased to announce Phase II of our Next Generation Learning which will begin in the fall of 2014. ALL grade 7 and 8 students at Stratford Central, Stratford Northwestern, North Easthope, Central Perth, St. Marys DCVI, South Huron, South Perth, Sprucedale and Downie will be receiving an iPad to assist them in their learning. As Phase I moves forward, grade 9 students at Central Huron and Mitchell District High School will arrive with devices received earlier this year. The overall pace of the rollout of **Next Generation Learning** has been expedited due to the level of success of the program to date.

As suggested at the fall 2013 announcement, "The days of a bulging backpack may be gone forever! Students can access assignments, lessons, reference materials, and class notes using one device, creating and completing their work on that same device. It will be possible to have the knowledge contained in every textbook available instantly, anywhere."

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