



# VERIZON PARTNERSHIP

Innovation, Immersion and iPads

Saint Louis Public Schools  
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The SLPS Verizon Lab projects are part of a grant awarded to ASU by Verizon.

There are three lead entities: Verizon, Arizona State University (J. Orin Edson Entrepreneurship) and Heart of America.

HOA is a non-profit based in Washington, D.C. that transforms educational spaces into modern learning environments so students and communities can learn and grow.

ASU is ranked #1 in the U.S. (U.S. News and World Report) for innovation, dedicated accessibility and excellence.



Heart of America.

GIVING COMMUNITIES  
SPACE TO GROW





# VERIZON INNOVATIVE LEARNING SCHOOLS

Also referred to as VILS, it is a nationwide program that brings cutting-edge technology, tech support, lesson plans and professional development to students and teachers in underserved schools. SLPS is a proud recipient of a Verizon Innovative Learning Lab at Long International Middle School. Built from the ground up with specification from Verizon and the Arizona State University this lab takes students beyond the school walls by providing platforms, virtual reality programs, 3-D printing and more.

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# SOLUTIONS

## CLOSE THE GAP\*

- 37% of St. Louis city residents have a bachelor's degree
- 20% live in poverty
- Only 81% have internet subscription broadband service at home
- Only 88% of city residents have a home computer
- Aligns to TP4 Pillars 1, 2, 4 and 5. While the District is expanding tech offerings such as eGaming, Robotics, Legos, coding, makers spaces and more, Verizon provide a great blueprint to support this

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The Verizon programs at SLPS currently support programs at the middle and high school levels. They are designed to excite and inspire students to reach higher and go farther through technology.

## EASY TO USE

Verizon gives a step-by-step training, complete with video and personalized tech support.

## COST SAVINGS

The funds we do not have to expend on our Verizon schools will help to shift resources and to share these experiences with other schools.

# IMMEDIATE BENEFITS

## CAREER PATHS

We firmly believe that hands-on experiences with the lab will introduce our students to emerging careers and give them comprehension that they can build on going forward.

## USABILITY

VILS includes student tech teams that learn and help address tier 1 issues and support teachers who are receiving elevated training.

## ACADEMIC BRIDGE

Our Academic and Technology teams are excited for the opportunity to leverage the Verizon programs as a bridge to support our continued expansion of K-12 computer science and coding pathways..

## COSTS

There are no costs to the District for Verizon projects. In fact, this project allows for our continued expansion of services to other schools.



# FINANCIALS

Verizon is investing \$2.3 million per SLPS school PLUS labs.

Verizon provides guidance from construction to open. the agreement includes equipment/furniture, electrical connections, maintenance, lesson plans, and professional development. The plan includes professional development, curriculum support, iPad repair/replace, select accessories.

## LONG MIDDLE

\$450,000 Lab  
401 Long iPads  
Each 10 GB Monthly  
LTE Data Protection

## YEATMAN MIDDLE

\$250,000 Lab  
408 Yeatman iPads  
Each 10 GB Monthly  
LTE Data Protection

## AESM MIDDLE

349 AESM iPads  
Each 10 GB Monthly  
LTE Data Protection

## PAMOJA K-8

91 Pamoja iPads  
Each 10 GB Monthly  
LTE Data Protection



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW



## INNOVATIVE LEARNING LAB

Long International  
Middle School  
Now Open



## IMMERSIVE LAB /IPADS

Yeatman-Liddell  
Middle School – MOU  
In Process



## DIGITAL PROMISE IPADS

1000+ iPads /350  
keyboards at Long  
,Yeatman, Pamoja and  
AESM.



THANK  
YOU!

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