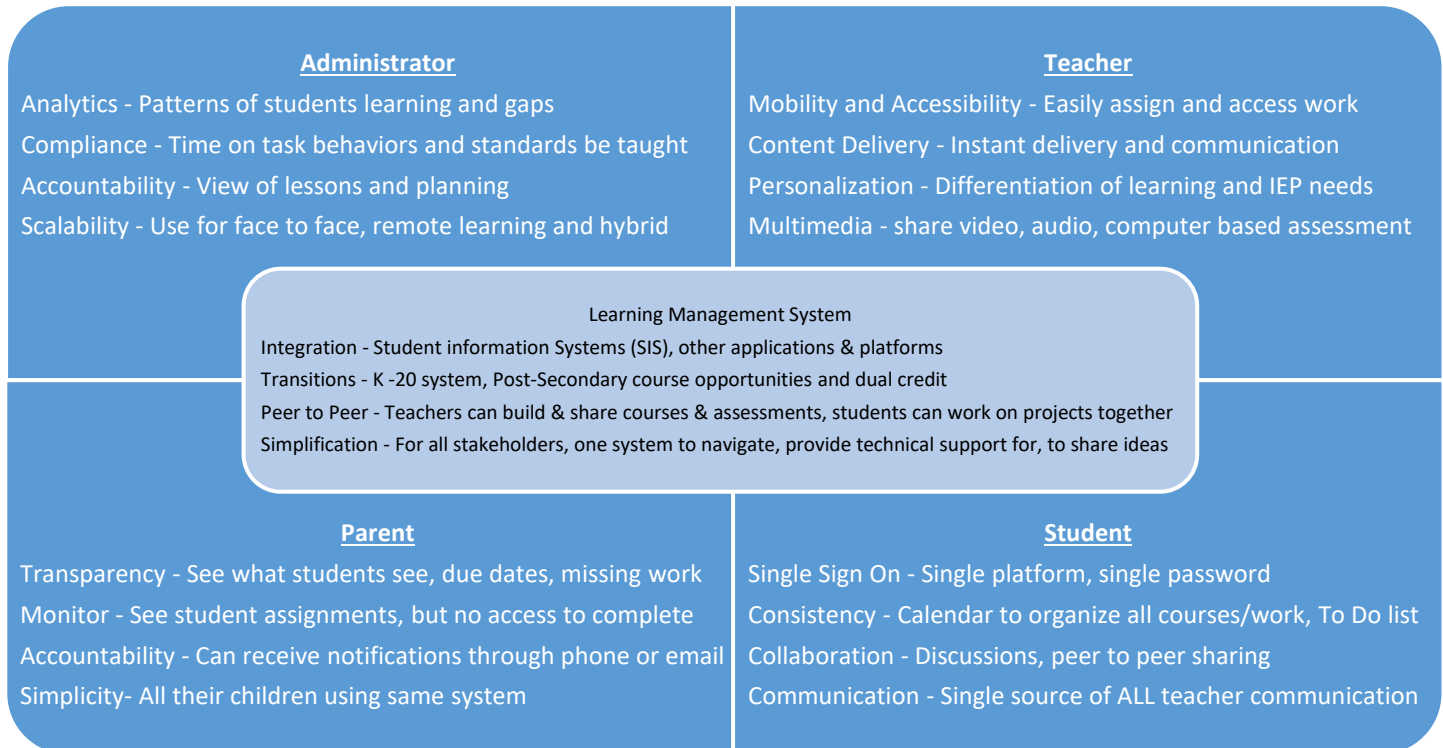# Why a Learning Management System (LMS) is Useful

A Learning Management System is a robust software application that allows educational institutions to provide education stakeholders with informational content and educational resources. Many functions can be simplified for the school district including: administration, documentation, tracking, reporting and delivery of digital content and student data. A LMS is also an effective and responsive way for teachers to create, deliver, and manage their content, as well as monitor participation and assess performance among learners. In addition, the LMS can provide and manage training for education staff. Below is more information about the benefits of an LMS to a school district by each stakeholder group.

Administrator

Analytics - Patterns of students learning and gaps

Compliance - Time on task behaviors and standards be taught

Accountability - View of lessons and planning

Scalability - Use for face to face, remote learning and hybrid

Teacher

Mobility and Accessibility - Easily assign and access work

Content Delivery - Instant delivery and communication

Personalization - Differentiation of learning and IEP needs

Multimedia - share video, audio, computer based assessment

Learning Management System

Integration - Student information Systems (SIS), other applications & platforms

Transitions - K -20 system, Post-Secondary course opportunities and dual credit

Peer to Peer - Teachers can build & share courses & assessments, students can work on projects together

Simplification - For all stakeholders, one system to navigate, provide technical support for, to share ideas

Parent

Transparency - See what students see, due dates, missing work

Monitor - See student assignments, but no access to complete

Accountability - Can receive notifications through phone or email

Simplicity- All their children using same system

Student

Single Sign On - Single platform, single password

Consistency - Calendar to organize all courses/work, To Do list

Collaboration - Discussions, peer to peer sharing

Communication - Single source of ALL teacher communication

COMMON LMS FEATURES:

- *Single Sign On*
- *Discussion Boards*
- *Instructor Announcements*
- *Assignment Distributed*
- *Assignment submission*
- *Assignment Grading*
- *Rubrics creation & sharing*
- *SIS Integration*
- *Blogs for classroom use*
- *Calendar & To Do lists*
- *Chat*
- *Analytics and reporting*
- *Social Media support*
- *Gamification abilities*

- *Course attendance*
- *Email – external to LMS*
- *Messages – internal to LMS*
- *Student Grouping*
- *Student Learning Modules*
- *Staff Professional Development Modules*
- *Third-Party Content Integration*
- *Performance Dashboard*
- *Self & Peer Evaluation*
- *Tests & Quizzes (formative & summative)*
- *Surveys*
- *Mobile Application available*
- *24/7 Online Support*
- *SCORM and xAPI Compliant*

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