

DIGITAL CURRICULUM SOLUTION

“The versatility of the Apex Learning digital curriculum helps our teachers meet the disparate needs of students.”

*Bob Hahn
Online Course Facilitator
Cherokee County School District
Georgia*

➤ Create Opportunities for All Students

Reducing the barriers between students and instructional content, the Apex Learning digital curriculum uses the flexibility of technology to make the educational experience more inclusive and effective for everyone.

Exceptional learners range from students with disabilities or other hardships that prevent them from participating in the traditional classroom, to students who do not speak English as their first language, to gifted learners who can move at an accelerated pace.

Such a diverse range of needs means that each student requires individualized instruction to achieve academic success. With Apex Learning, all students can work effectively to reach their educational goals.

Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Apex Learning courses are based on the Universal Design for Learning, a framework that aims to reach the greatest number of students at their individual learning level. UDL recommends incorporating three types of flexible instruction, all of which Apex Learning has implemented.

- **Multiple methods of content presentation.** Apex Learning courses utilize audio, video, illustrations, graphic organizers, and a varied level of complexity in instruction.
- **Multiple modes of student expression.** Students complete organizer-based and media-based assignments and have access to support tools.
- **Multiple ways to engage students.** Apex Learning courses include discussions, online activities, games, and brainstorming.

More Ways to Engage the Exceptional Learner

In addition to UDL, all Apex Learning courses include a variety of tools and features to help students at all levels customize the learning experience to their own needs.

Ability to self-pace. Students work at their own pace, which means a struggling reader has enough time to read for comprehension, while a gifted learner can work more quickly.

Audio assistance. Students have the option to listen along as they read. This is highly beneficial to struggling readers and students with attention deficits. Research indicates that below-proficiency readers can read at proficiency when text is accompanied by audio.

Formative feedback. Meaningful praise for correct answers and encouraging feedback for incorrect answers reinforce student achievement. Feedback accompanies unscored embedded self-checks as well as computer-scored assessments.

Stepping out. Directions for complex tasks such as solving a proof or writing an essay are broken into smaller steps with explanation and guidance. This helps students understand what is expected of them and aids in the development of problem-solving skills.

Study assistance. Printable Study Sheets guide students through the content. These include graphic organizers, note-taking guides, and practice questions to aid students as they learn new material and review for tests.