

<u>Future Ready Schools</u>[®] (FRS) is a bold effort to maximize student-centered learning opportunities and promotes a deeper, authentic learning experience to leverage technology to prepare students for success in college, a career, and citizenship. Beginning with a systemic planning process, FRS helps school districts develop the human and technological capacity needed to personalize student learning.

FRS is a project of the <u>Alliance for Excellent Education</u> (All4Ed) alongside a vast coalition of national and regional organizations. Since FRS's inception in 2014, more than 3,200 school district superintendents have committed to FRS by signing the <u>FRS District Pledge</u>.

To help districts plan and implement personalized, research-based digital learning strategies, FRS created an <u>interactive planning dashboard</u>. This dynamic free online tool guides district leadership teams as they develop strategic and systemic plans that leverage technology to engage students, empower teachers, and improve learning outcomes. Through the FRS



dashboard, district leaders assess their needs, identify gaps and strategies, plan, and track their progress over time.

Implementing meaningful, student-centered learning requires far more than simply purchasing devices for a school district. Shifting the learning experience for students requires thoughtful planning, preparation, and analysis of student outcomes, teacher development, culture, and leadership. The FRS dashboard builds capacity in these areas as it takes school district leaders through a systemic five-step planning process that culminates in a comprehensive action plan for implementing digital learning prior to designating funds to digital learning resources. This strategic planning process ensures a smooth implementation of districtwide digital initiatives.

At the heart of the dashboard is the <u>FRS framework</u> that places personalized student learning at the center, emphasizes collaborative leadership, and focuses on seven key areas known as "gears":

- 1. Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- 2. Personalized Professional Learning
- 3. Budget and Resources
- 4. Community Partnerships
- 5. Data and Privacy
- 6. Robust Infrastructure
- 7. Use of Space and Time



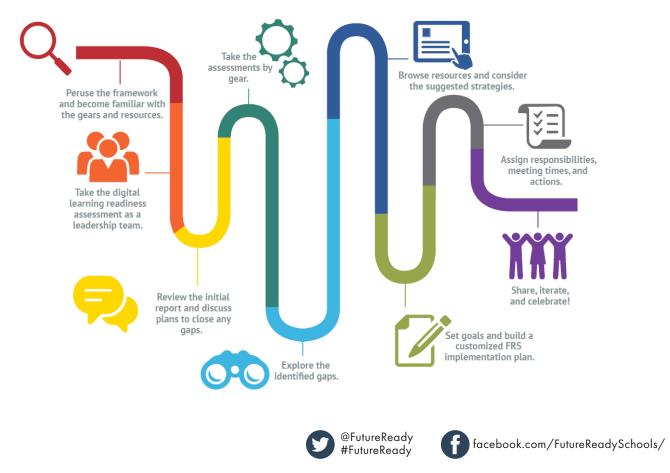


Using the FRS dashboard, district teams complete an in-depth leadership self-assessment to determine their overall readiness to undergo a digital transition, create a vision for student learning, and determine aspects of the system they must address to make that vision a reality. After completing the leadership self-assessment, each district team receives a customized report that analyzes the district's readiness across each of the seven gears. To support planning and implementation, the report highlights gaps in district readiness and offers customized strategies and free resources developed by All4Ed, FRS, and more than sixty national and regional partners.

The FRS dashboard also offers highly detailed gear assessments for districts interested in exploring individual gears more deeply. Using results and strategies suggested from the leadership self-assessment and individual gear assessments, the FRS dashboard allows district teams to develop a fully customized plan for implementing digital learning to personalize instruction for students. The U.S. Department of Education has recognized the FRS dashboard and district leadership assessment as valuable tools to support districts during the Title IV application process and with continuous improvement planning.

The FRS dashboard saves all analysis and planning data in a secure password-protected format. District leaders then can revisit the dashboard at any time to review their readiness reports and action plans, update their goals, identify new strategies and resources, and retake the assessments to monitor the progress of their implementation plans. Individual team data remains confidential and All4Ed and FRS do not share, market, or sell any district-identifiable data without written consent from the district team. For more information, see the dashboard's privacy policy.

To access the FRS interactive planning dashboard, visit <u>dashboard.futurereadyschools.org/</u>. To learn more about how FRS supports district and school leaders, visit <u>futureready.org</u>.



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