



# LEARNING VILLAGE





**"It takes a whole *village* to raise a child."**  
Ashanti proverb

### Empower Teaching & Learning

When educators and students come together in their teaching and learning, amazing things happen. We engage in a dialogue that emphasizes the importance of working together. We enhance and empower our teaching. We nourish our creativity. We integrate ideas, thoughts, resources and contributions from each other. As we share in the delight of education in all of its rich meaning and diversity, a learning community – a *learning village* – is formed.



Learning Village is a powerful instructional framework that represents the next generation of learning – creating a single point of access for curriculum, communication, collaboration, teaching and professional development.

In a time when knowledge is increasingly a competitive differentiator, Learning Village builds communities that fundamentally prepare students for 21st century skills.

Created as a result of a unique partnership between Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and Microsoft, Learning Village makes it possible for more individuals than ever before to access knowledge, and to learn in new and exciting ways.



### Communicate & Collaborate

Learning Village provides a new and transformative way of creating systematic and adaptive learning. Through curriculum delivery, collaboration, content creation, assessment management tools and instruction, Learning Village generates a participatory environment that incorporates best-in-class technology. Students, teachers, administrators and parents have multiple ways to communicate, share information, solicit input, and gain access to the latest digital tools.

#### Expand Learning Opportunities

- Facilitates collaboration and feedback among all participants of the learning community.
- Permits teachers to collaborate on projects, link to web-based curricula, join online discussion forums, and more.
- Provides access to all of a district's web-based applications via a content-neutral platform.
- Extends learning beyond the classroom, via anytime, anywhere access – allowing parents to participate and collaborate.
- Brings innovation to the classroom through tools such as discussion boards – keeping students engaged and motivated to learn more.

#### Integrate All Assets in One Place

- Enables districts to build, create, link and maintain a flexible, state-of-the-art curriculum.
- Aligns instructional plans, content and assessment to national, state or local learning objectives and standards.
- Updates and enhances teaching and learning activities through the addition of proprietary content or custom-generated content.
- Provides a calendar and planning guide to allow educators to organize lesson plans and publish to students and parents.
- Simplifies access to content and resources through dynamic search tools.



### Houghton Mifflin Harcourt & Microsoft

Learning Village is the result of a unique partnership between Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, the world's leading K-12 educational publisher, and Microsoft, the worldwide leader in software, solutions and services. With a focus on effectively integrating technology and curriculum in the classroom, our collective goal is to promote learning through a robust learning community that supports current and future learning needs, and touches every facet of the teacher workflow.

Learning Village is built on the Microsoft® .NET Framework 3.0 and utilizes Microsoft Office Sharepoint® Server 2007 and the Microsoft Learning Gateway. The combined strengths of both products open up opportunities for educators to integrate all of their content, applications and resources from one central source, using technology to manage and monitor their Web-content needs districtwide.

- A rich portal experience that integrates all mission-critical education and applications through a single point of entry point and log in.
- Supports interoperability to standards such as SCORM, SIF and IMS, and integrates with existing or new Student and Learning Management systems
- Promotes greater usage of a district's digital curriculum by providing secure access to parents and students for at-home study.
- Scalable to hundreds of thousands of simultaneous users, with full localization support.

### Invigorate the Next Generation of Learning

Learning Village goes beyond digital content delivery – connecting curriculum, assessment, and professional development tools to promote greater access to the best learning tools, and invigorate the overall learning experience.

Developed by educators and for educators, Learning Village is setting new standards in instructional innovation and delivery for leading school districts. Join the ranks of teachers, educators, parents and students in thousands of classrooms around the world who are using Learning Village and our portfolio of solutions to build mastery, confidence and engagement.

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### Inform & Improve Instruction

- Identifies the gaps in achievement and helps students get the individualized instruction they need.
- Provides detailed reports to support increased accountability and AYP requirements.
- Helps educators adapt lessons and instructional models in real-time to provide the appropriate challenge for students.
- Helps administrators build digital dashboards and customize reports to their district workflows to make informed instructional decisions.

### Build Best Practices Across the Learning Community

The success of Learning Village can be attributed to the service and support provided by our team of experienced educational consultants. The ultimate goal is to help our customers understand how to leverage the assets throughout the entire learning community to deliver the best education possible.

**“More than an initiative or a vital tool for aligning curriculum, Learning Village has changed the culture of the district to a conversation about best practices.”**

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