Family Connections/Camp iPads for Parents

St. Vrain Valley School District Longmont, CO



In St. Vrain Valley School District, empowering parents to navigate the digital world and understand 21st-century learning is a priority for educating the whole child. St. Vrain accomplished this by distributing 16,000 iPads and 8,000 Chromebooks to students and families as part of their Learning Technology Plan.

In addition to the iPads, a bi-weekly blog titled "Family Connections" is published with tips, tricks, and information on navigating technology and media as a family. St. Vrain also offers in-person learning opportunities called "Camp iPad for Parents." Offered at multiple and ongoing times, Camp iPad for Parents highlights classroom learning practices that students experience while providing information on parenting in a digital age.

St. Vrain recognizes that the field of education has changed since most parents were in school and that in order to educate the whole child, the entire family unit must be involved in the learning process. Having a healthy relationship with technology at home and at school is a necessary skill for 21st-century students, and by involving families in the district's Learning Technology Plan, St. Vrain is sending families a message that they are critical to their child's education.