

STEAM+ Innovation Technology

Board Report
January 21, 2026

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Student
Experience

“Occupations in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields are projected to grow by **10.4% between 2023 and 2033**.

This growth significantly outpaces the **3.6% growth rate for non-STEM occupations**, underlining the demand for skilled professionals in these areas.”

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2024

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Employer surveys project that skills such as **analytical thinking and adaptability/resilience** will remain among the **most important workforce capabilities** through the decade.

World Economic Forum, 2025

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Destination → 2028!

1.5.2 Expand opportunities for **students to use various technologies to deepen their understanding of content knowledge and showcase their learning** to an authentic audience.

1.3.1 All students experience learning through design thinking process with an **Innovation Technologist**, as documented by a scope and sequence, to gain problem solving and critical thinking skills, as well as create and innovate.

1.3.2 Create and share a **bank of design thinking units of instruction** for classroom teachers to use with students, empowering them with ready-to-use resources.

Innovation Technology Goals



Support ALL DMUSD students

All students in DMUSD learn with and from an Innovation Technologist this school year



Defined Scope and Sequence

All students experience coding and robotics and design thinking



Standards Based Units

Collaborate with classroom teachers to help redesign units of study to increase relevance



Variety of Tools

Increase students and teachers understanding and use of a variety of technologies to showcase their understanding of content

DMUSD Scorecard

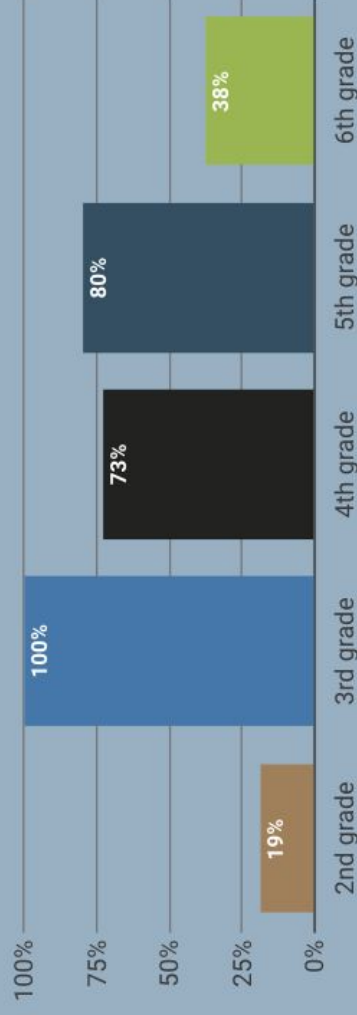
Leverage design thinking, coding, and robotics in all learning spaces to support rich and meaningful learning.

of Schools with Innovation Technologists

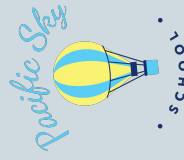
24-25 Status

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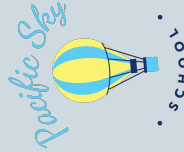
% of Students Who Participate in Epic Build Projects (Grades 2-6)



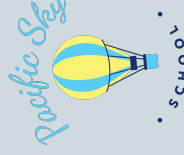
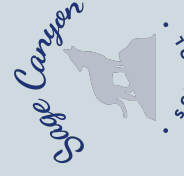
2023-2024



2024-2025



2025-2026



Curriculum and Tools



Lego Spike
Lego Prime

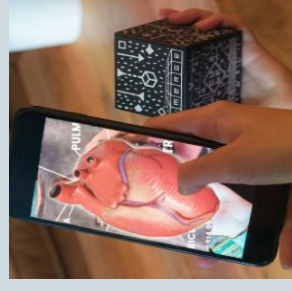


Scratch
Scratch Jr.

Stop Motion



Draw and Tell



Merge Cube

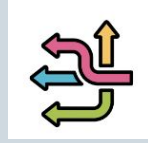
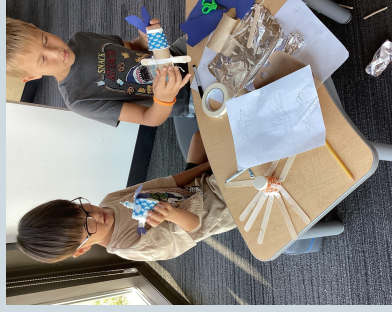


Video/
Broadcasting

Deepening Understanding of Grade Level Through the Design Thinking Process

Engineering Standards

K-2-ETS1-1: Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.



History Social Science Standards

3.4 Students understand the role of rules and laws in our daily lives and the basic structure of the U.S. government.

Standards

History Social Science Standards

4.2.1: Discuss the major nations of California Native Americans, including their geographic distribution, economic activities, legends, and religious beliefs; and describe how they depended on, adapted to, and modified the physical environment by cultivation of land and use of sea resources.



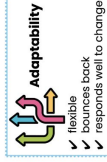
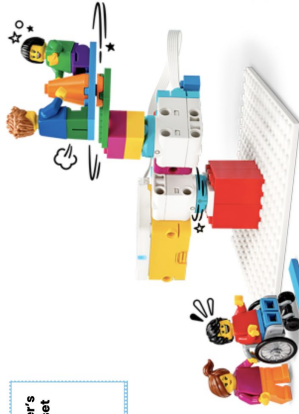
Design Thinking + Coding +

Today's Mission: How might you solve a problem?



Learner's Mindset

- ✓ curious
- ✓ asks questions
- ✓ keeps trying



Adaptability

- ✓ flexible
- ✓ bounces back
- ✓ responds well to change



LEGO SPIKE Problem Solvers

Programmer/Designers

Step 1: Choose a problem to solve for the idea you built

Check to write your challenge:

☐ Accessible Adventure ☐ Entry Day Problem ☐ Too Scary for the Kids

☐ Long Time Solution ☐ Create Your Own

Challenge: _____

Engage

What does the user need or want?

The user wants: _____

Define the Problem

Write one clear sentence about the problem you're trying to solve:

The problem is _____



Ideate (Brainstorm)

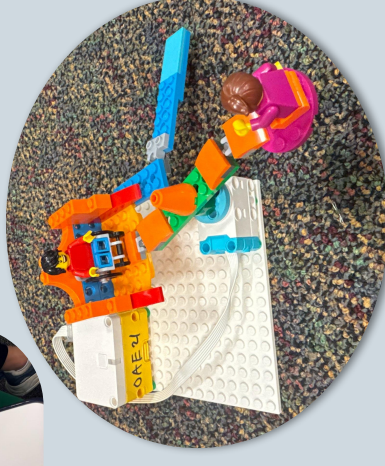
Sketch or list 3 different ideas for how to solve the problem.

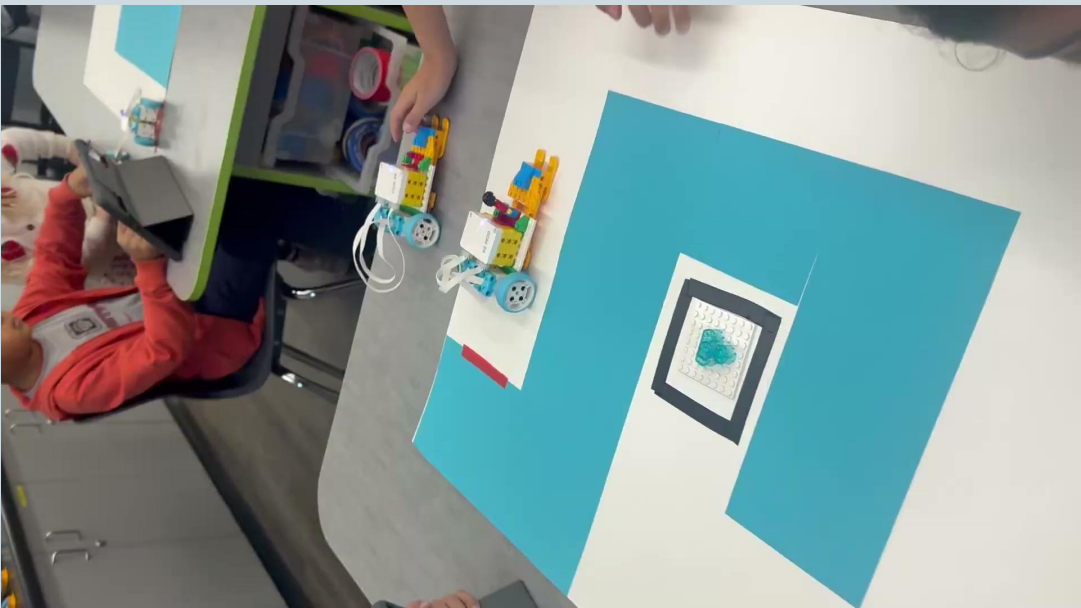
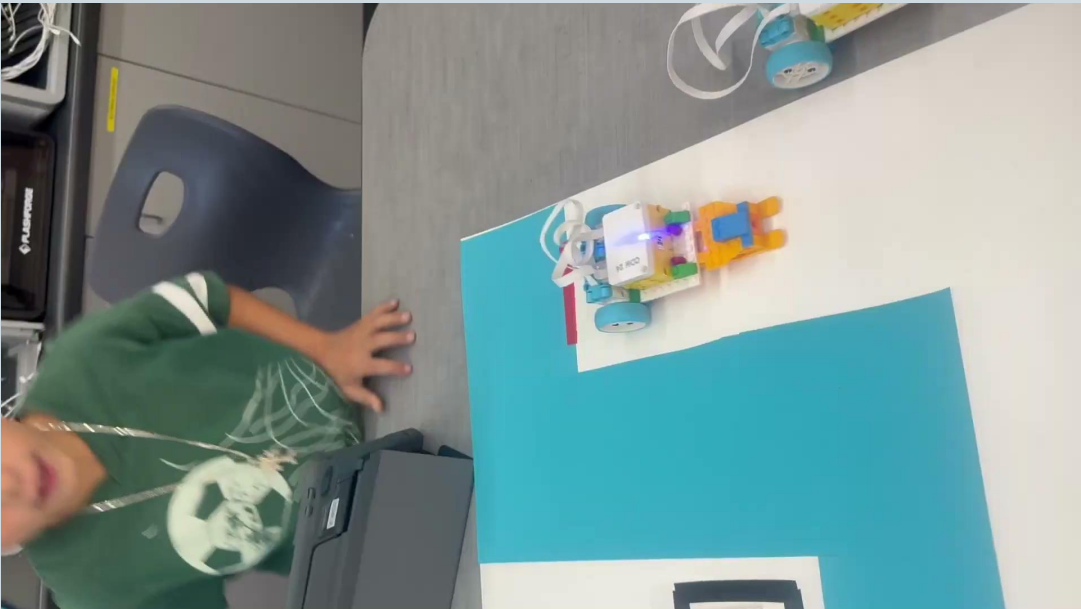
You might choose to level up for coding:

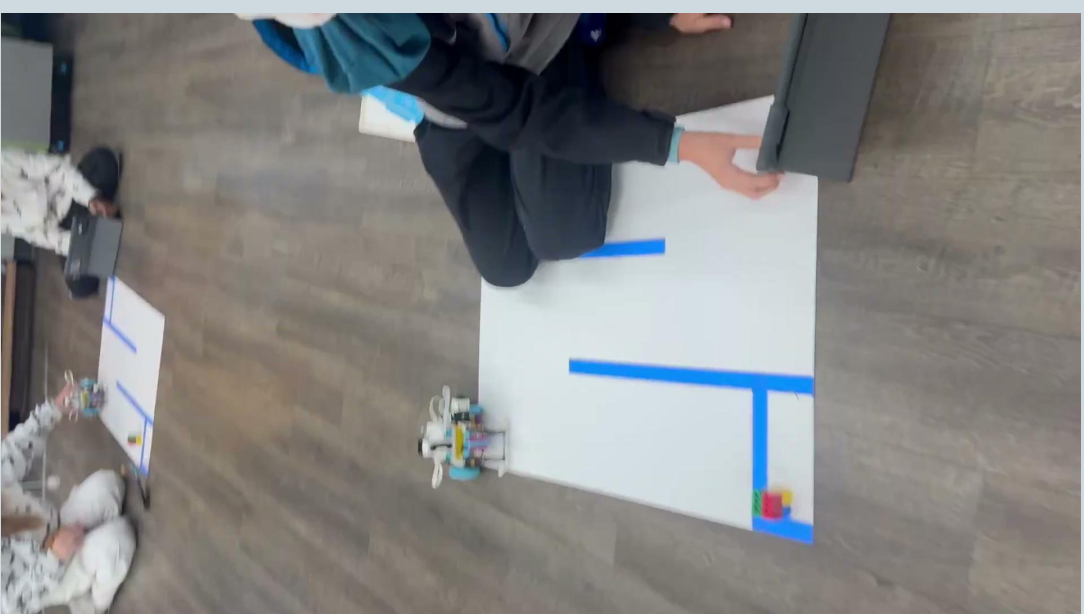
☐ Color sensor ☐ Light Axtle ☐ Motor



Which idea will your team try first? (Circle)









**INNOVATION
TECHNOLOGY**

Innovation Technology Team

