

Blackboard Learn

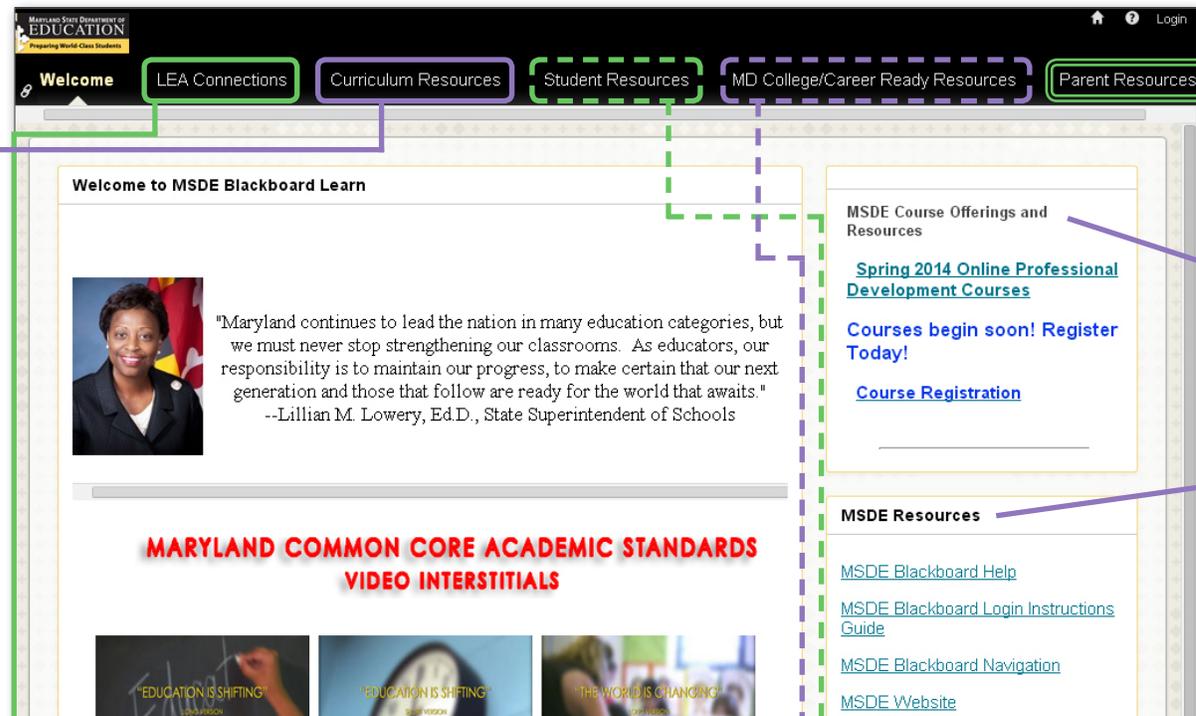
Resources for Teaching and Learning at Your Fingertips

To support educators during the transition to the new Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards (MCCRS) and aligned assessments, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has developed **Blackboard Learn**, an online repository of instructional and informational resources aligned to the State's new academic standards.

Blackboard Learn is designed to connect educators with the high-quality materials and tools that can assist in their efforts to help students graduate college and career-ready. The website is a one-stop-shop where teachers can find model units and lessons, modules to support student intervention and enrichment, professional development opportunities, and many other resources to help enhance and improve their classroom instruction and student learning. All content area resources will eventually reside on the **Blackboard Learn** website. Parents, students, and others can also find a wealth of useful resources on **Blackboard Learn**, including handouts, guides, and videos about the new standards and assessments.

This issue of Maryland Classroom will help you navigate the educator resources on **Blackboard Learn**. New materials are added regularly, so be sure to bookmark the site for easy access – <https://msde.blackboard.com>.

Navigating the Blackboard Learn Homepage:



Parent Resources: A variety of resources to inform parents and others about the standards and assessments

Links to online PD course catalogue and registration information

Links to help you navigate and use Blackboard Learn, the MSDE website, and educational initiatives

LEA Connections: Resources developed and shared by Maryland's local school systems

Curriculum Resources: Information and resources to assist educators with instruction aligned to the new standards, including model units, lessons, and lesson seeds, by grade level

Student Resources: Adolescent Literacy, and enrichment and intervention modules, which teachers can integrate into classroom instruction

MD College-Career Resources: Informational resources about the new standards and MCCRS Frameworks

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Curriculum Resources Section

The Curriculum Resources section of Maryland's **Blackboard Learn** website contains a variety of materials, tools, and links to websites that support classroom instruction and are aligned to Maryland's new academic standards, the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards, and the Next Generation Science Standards.

Under the **“Educator Resources”** heading are links to several national and State standards and curriculum-related websites, including the national Common Core State Standards (on which the MCCRS was based) and Next Generation Science Standards websites, as well as the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards Frameworks and Maryland Business Roundtable for Education STEMNet Teacher Hub.

The **“Professional Learning”** link, the first link under “Educator Resources,” provides access to the materials presented at the Educator Effectiveness Academies as well as follow-up webinars and videos.

At the top of the Curriculum Resources section are **tabs for Elementary, Middle School, High School, Disciplinary Literacy, and STEM Resources**. Clicking on one of these tabs will take you to a new Blackboard page with differentiated resources specific to that school level or subject area. These resources are intended to be used by teachers as they work to develop their own instructional materials.

The following page contains additional details about the materials and tools you will find under each of the Curriculum Resources tabs.



Curriculum Resources Section, continued

The resources housed within the **Elementary, Middle School, and High School tabs**, in the Curriculum Resources section of **Blackboard Learn**, include model units, lessons, lesson seeds, and other related resources and links for English/language arts, mathematics, and STEM and are organized by grade level or course. Gifted and Talented resources are also available for English/language arts and mathematics. New units will continue to be added as they become available. Below are screen shots of the **Elementary** and **High School** tabs.

The top screenshot shows the 'Curriculum Resources' section with the 'Elementary' tab selected. It displays three main categories: Elementary-ELA, Elementary-Mathematics, and Elementary-STEM. The Elementary-ELA category is expanded to show a list of resources for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 5.

The bottom screenshot shows the 'Curriculum Resources' section with the 'High School' tab selected. It displays three main categories: HS-ELA, HS-Math, and HS-STEM. The HS-ELA category is expanded to show resources for Grade 9, Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12, along with Gifted and Talented resources. The HS-Math category is expanded to show Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. The HS-STEM category is expanded to show Distracted Driving, Is it Too Loud, Obesity, Pollution, and STEMnet Teacher HUB.

The screenshot shows the 'Curriculum Resources' section with the 'Disciplinary Literacy' tab selected. It displays three main categories: Disciplinary Literacy-Science, Disciplinary Literacy - Social Studies, and Disciplinary Literacy - Fine Arts. The Disciplinary Literacy-Science category is expanded to show a link to [Disciplinary Literacy Resources - Science and Technical Subjects](#). The Disciplinary Literacy - Social Studies category is expanded to show a link to [Disciplinary Literacy Resources - Social Studies](#). The Disciplinary Literacy - Fine Arts category is expanded to show a logo for DANCE.

The **Disciplinary Literacy** tab contains resources aligned with the literacy standards for science and technical subjects, social studies/ history, and fine arts. These resources include links to the standards, lesson seeds, resources on text complexity, PowerPoints, and rubrics. Also available here is the disciplinary literacy information that was presented to teachers at the Educator Effectiveness Academies.

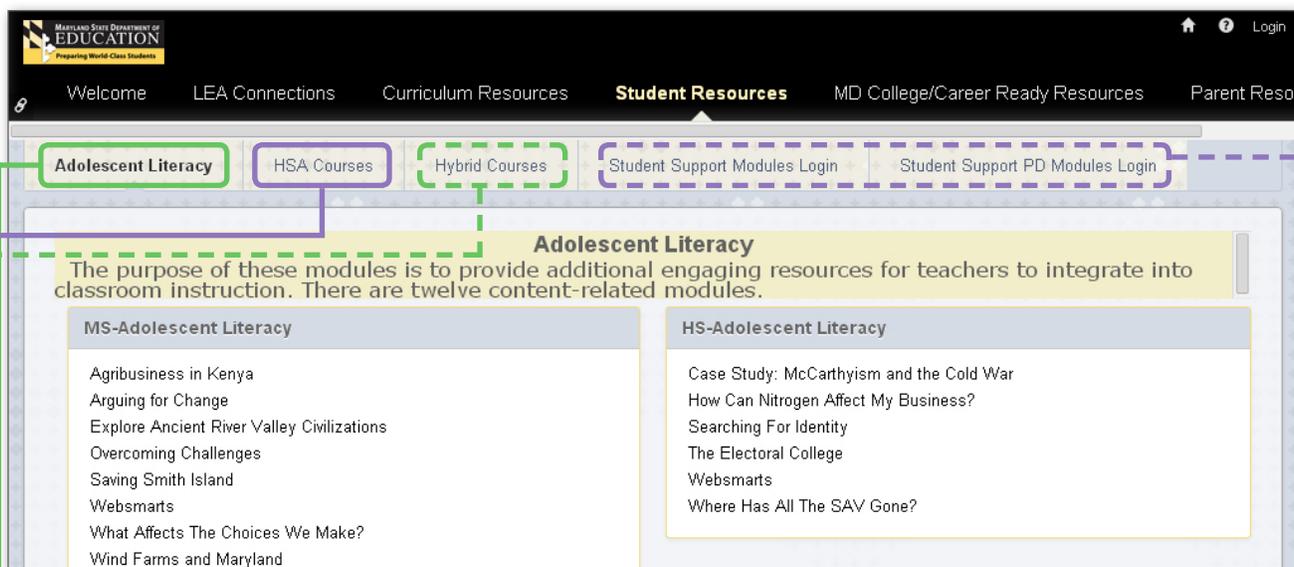
The screenshot shows the 'Curriculum Resources' section with the 'STEM Resources' tab selected. It displays three main categories: STEM Elementary Resources, STEM Middle School Resources, and STEM High School Resources. The STEM Elementary Resources category is expanded to show links to [5E Model for Integrated STEM Instruction](#), [All Practices](#), and [Attributes of a STEM Centric Learning Environment](#). The STEM Middle School Resources category is expanded to show links to [STEM Centric Pedagogy Diagram](#), [Pedagogy Snapshot](#), [5E Model for Integrated STEM Instruction](#), and [STEM Centric Unit and Lesson Checklist](#). The STEM High School Resources category is expanded to show links to [Attributes of a STEM Centric Learning Environment](#), [STEM Centric Unit Template](#), and [Pedagogy Snapshot](#).

The **STEM Resources** tab includes templates, guides, lesson resources, the STEM Standards of Practice, webinar recordings, and much more, organized by school level.

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Student Resources Section

The Student Resources section of Maryland's **Blackboard Learn** website contains modules for adolescent literacy, enrichment, and intervention; as well as online and hybrid courses to supplement regular classroom instruction and learning.



The **Adolescent Literacy** tab houses modules for students in grades 5 through high school, covering topics in history/social studies, science, and English/language arts. The modules can be used to support the research skills and knowledge required in the standards, and include videos, text, educator resources, and student resources to help develop research skills.

The **HSA Courses** tab includes the courses for all four of the current High School Assessments (HSAs): government, English 10, algebra/data analysis, and biology. New courses will be available when the PARCC assessments are fully implemented.

The **Hybrid Courses** tab contains courses that will provide students with foundational knowledge and skills and are intended to supplement teaching and learning – they are not credit bearing courses. In these hybrid or blended courses, students work both online and in the classroom to complete course requirements.

The **Student Support Modules** tabs contain student enrichment and intervention modules in English/language arts and mathematics for use by Maryland educators. Access to these resources requires a user name and password that is available from your school office.

MSDE hopes that **Blackboard Learn** becomes a valuable tool for all educators — a one-stop-shop for all your instructional and professional learning needs. New resources are added frequently, so be sure to bookmark the site, <https://msde.blackboard.com>, and check back often.

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