



## What is NexGen?

NexGen is Lago Vista ISD's locally-developed student learning initiative aimed at fulfilling our district motto: *Excellence in ALL We Do!* At Lago Vista ISD, we pride ourselves on providing excellent teaching and learning and we recognize our responsibility in helping prepare students for the rapidly changing world of tomorrow. The reality is that students today are likely to have several careers in their lifetime, many of them in career pathways that don't yet exist!

To be successful in this ever-changing world, students must develop strong critical thinking and interpersonal communication skills to navigate an increasingly fluid, interconnected, and complex world. One of the essential elements needed to prepare today's learners for tomorrow is the development of technology and media literacy, as well as digital citizenship. As we know, technology allows for 24/7 access to information, constant social interaction, and easily created and shared digital content. In this setting, we have a powerful opportunity to leverage technology to increase engagement and create a more personalized environment to meet the emerging educational needs of this generation. No longer does learning have to be one-size-fits-all, confined exclusively to the classroom, or assessed exclusively by traditional methods.

The goal of NexGen is to provide teaching and learning that will allow Lago Vista ISD students build the foundational knowledge, skills, and values needed for success in college, career, and life in the 21st century. This is done by strengthening three core components: Curriculum, Instruction, and the Learning Environment.

First, NexGen Curriculum focuses on providing an aligned, standards-based curriculum that uses data to determine areas of priority. In addition, student tasks are focused on authentic assessment of student knowledge and skills whereby students demonstrate mastery of concepts and competencies through performance tasks. Then, NexGen Instruction focuses on strong, research-based teaching and learning methods that integrate the use of supportive technologies, inquiry- and problem-based approaches, and higher order thinking skills. Finally, the NexGen Learning Environment encourages the integration of community resources beyond school walls and the creation positive environments that will support the teaching and learning of 21st century skill outcomes.

The mission of NexGen is to prepare our students for a diverse and changing world while improving academic achievement through a highly-focused and student-centered approach to teaching and learning. *Lago Vista ISD...Excellence in ALL We Do!*