



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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1. **For teachers in grades K-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in the first quarter of the school year are to build the class(es), add students, and begin posting weekly lesson plans/newsletters. Teachers should learn to utilize the eLearning module process for the virtual classes. The module process is more efficient for students, parents, and teachers; please talk with your Tech Coach if you don't yet know how to utilize the eLearning module in Canvas.



2. **For all teachers and administrators:** Want to earn 18 PGP's just by reading a book and participating in online discussion? The IDOE is offering an online book study: Join the IDOE Office of Digital Learning's fall book study featuring *UDL and Blended Learning: Thriving in Flexible Learning Landscapes* by Katie Novak and Catlin R. Tucker. Asynchronous discussions will begin the week of Monday, September 20. The book study will last nine weeks and will be worth up to 18 PGP's. [Join the course](#) using the enrollment key: "blended". Contact [Meri Carnahan at carnahan@doe.in.gov](#) with questions.

3. **For all teachers who use Skyward:** Have you tried the grade analytics button, in the upper left in your grade sheet? When you click on the Analytics button, you get access to Category, Grade, and Assignment Analytics. You also get to choose which categories to display and grade columns to display. This tool gives you wonderful data on your students that will help guide your instructional decisions.



4. **For all teachers comfortable with Canvas:** Have you tried Canvas Studio yet? Studio lives on the external tools menu for teachers. (IF you don't see it, it is in your Navigational Tools in Settings; just grab from the bottom, drag to the top, and click "save"). Canvas Studio is a communication tool that allows teachers and students to actively collaborate through video and audio media. In a nutshell, it allows teachers to insert questions into videos, to turn the video into an assignment/quiz.

Studio



Fun technology fact: This is super-cool 3-D printing and this is art! The world's first 3D-printed steel bridge debuted in Amsterdam this July. The bridge could be a blueprint for fixing any country's structurally deficient infrastructure. Dutch Company MX3D built the almost 40-foot-long bridge for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the city's Oudezijds Achterburgwal canal. Four robots fit with welding torches 3D-printed the structure. To do it, the machines laid out 10,000 pounds of steel, heated to 2,732 degrees Fahrenheit, in an intricate layering process. The result? An award-winning design, pushing the boundaries of what steel can do. [Read more of the article here](#) and watch the short (58 seconds) [video here](#).

