**Next-Gen Learning Platforms**

With more than 200 learning platforms to choose from, making an informed decision is vital to the future success of learning. In the Smart Bundle Getting Smart on Next-Gen Learning Platforms several leading platforms were highlighted against a desired feature set. This graphic provides a snapshot at the report’s findings.

### Decision Making Tips

As schools adopt digital tools and blended strategies, most will choose a learning platform, and many will become part of a network, or user group associated with a platform. When choosing a learning platform, schools and districts should:

- **Start with Learning Goals**
- **Understand the Range of Use**
- **Develop a Selection Team**
- **Identify What Services & Features Matter**
- **Develop Selection Criteria**
- **Consider Total Cost**
- **Pick a Partner**

### Desired Features

As technology creates more change, so will the platforms that support the most powerful learning. They will adapt to meet the needs of schools, students, teachers and families. While there may not be one learning platform that does it all, making informed decisions proves critical for schools and districts.

**Desired Feature Set:**

- **CMS:** content management system, multiple sources, playlists
- **AM:** assessment management, communication tools, groups
- **ID:** instructional improvement system, K-12, achievement analysis
- **BL:** blended learning support, scheduling, grouping
- **PB:** project-based learning support, rubric-based grading
- **SBA:** standards-based assessment, quiz builder, exam bank
- **AA:** adaptive assessment, recommendations, machine learning
- **SBD:** standards-based gradebook, mastery tracker
- **PM:** progress monitoring, goal tracking, student portfolio
- **SS:** single sign-on, interoperability, accessibility
- **DE:** device agnostic, mobile optimized
- **CS:** comprehensive solutions, robust parent communication

### Platform Snapshot

Based on the informal research conducted, Getting Smart provided a snapshot of a few major learning platforms to consider.

**Rating Key:**

- **Exemplary**
- **Optimal**
- **Basic**
- **Rudimentary**
- **Not present / not applicable**

**NOTE:** This information is based on informal research, is not exhaustive and is ever changing due to the on-going updates platforms intend to make market driven.

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**Platform**

- **Edgenuity**
  - Content planning, learning management, curriculum development
  - Available in: Districts, Schools, Districts

- **Schoology**
  - Content planning, learning management, curriculum development
  - Available in: Districts, Schools, Districts

- **Edmodo**
  - Content planning, learning management, curriculum development
  - Available in: Districts, Schools, Districts

- **Fishtree**
  - Content planning, learning management, curriculum development
  - Available in: Districts, Schools, Districts

- **PEAK**
  - Content planning, learning management, curriculum development
  - Available in: Districts, Schools, Districts

- **RealizeIt**
  - Content planning, learning management, curriculum development
  - Available in: Districts, Schools, Districts

- **Edsby**
  - Content planning, learning management, curriculum development
  - Available in: Districts, Schools, Districts

**Costs**

- **Basic**
- **Exemplary**
- **Optimal**
- **Rudimentary**
- **Not present / not applicable**

**Product Strength/Areas**

- **Content planning, learning management, curriculum development**
- **Available in: Districts, Schools, Districts**

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