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## Digital Learning Program Definitions

**Digital Learning** is an umbrella term used to describe any instructional practice that effectively uses technology to strengthen a student's learning experience (while blended learning is simply a term used to describe the mixing of digital learning with in-person learning). At School on Wheels, our **Digital Learning Program** is comprised of **apps**, **adaptive learning**, and **online tutoring**.

**Apps** are downloaded games/activities delivered via tutors' smartphones and tablets. Apps target specific skill gaps while **adaptive learning** also tracks students' progress.

**Adaptive Learning** is an educational method that uses **computers**, **tablets**, and **smartphones** as interactive teaching devices to deliver an academic program that adapts to the unique needs of each student. At SOW, we use **iStation**.



**iStation** is an **adaptive learning** program available for all grade levels in both ELA and Math. iStation provides interactive instruction, downloadable worksheets, comprehensive progress reports, and monthly assessments.

**Online Tutoring** is the process of tutoring in a live, online classroom in which students and tutors are able to interact through audio, video, and a shared whiteboard. At SOW, we partner with **Learn To Be**, and our online tutors come from all corners of the USA. All online tutoring sessions are recorded for quality control and student and tutor safety.



**Learn To Be** is a non-profit that provides SOW with a free online tutoring platform that enables our students to connect with our online tutors.

**Technology** is any interactive teaching device that is used to strengthen a student's learning experience. At SOW, we use **laptops**, **tablets**, and **smartphones**.

**Laptop** is a mobile device that can be used at multiple locations. At SOW, we invest in Chromebooks, a laptop that is thin, lightweight, easy to use and manage, education-friendly, and affordable. Desktop is *not* mobile and can only be used at a single location.

**Tablet** accepts input directly onto a screen via touch. At SOW, we invest in **iPads**.

**Smartphone** is touchscreen, cellular, and has Internet access and downloaded **apps**.

**Digital Learning Center (DLC)** is a SOW space where tutors deliver our digital learning program.