In February and March 2016, Canyons District personnel completed the Future Ready Digital Learning Readiness self-assessment. Although their overall district-wide readiness score was 8.3 out of 10, individual reports indicated a significant amount of variance in readiness, compared with the readiness perceptions of district personnel. This variance in individual perception demonstrated across personnel who had been surveyed suggested a need for additional professional development and improved collaboration, not only related to where they might head as a district, but also to how far they had come. It was after that reporting period that as a district, Canyons decided to become part of the USBE LearnPlatform pilot.

In Canyons, LearnPlatform is being implemented to help teachers and leaders make informed decisions about technology use. District leaders are able to access all edtech product management tools, including a curated LEA-level library of several hundred edtech products, from a single location, with an educator- and administrator-level view of the aggregated tools available and the ability to uphold fidelity and student outcome objectives.

Organizing their edtech has also led to conversations around streamlining processes for the request and review of these products. Canyons has both elementary and secondary edtech specialists assigned to different schools, who are primarily responsible for adding and approving the use of edtech products through LearnPlatform’s request workflow.

“"The Canyons District has long been looking for a way of vetting iOS apps and other products used throughout the district. The Lea(R)n database is just the right tool to keep things organized and to distribute the information to our administrators and teachers.”

Robert Gordon, Educational Technology Specialist

Aligned with Utah’s Digital Teaching & Learning Initiative (DTLI), the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) supports the efforts of local education agencies (LEAs) across the state by providing access to LearnPlatform, a simplified, comprehensive edtech management platform available free of charge to participating LEAs. The system allows all Utah educators to see and share their experiences with various edtech tools and provides streamlined inventory management, fidelity monitoring, product impact measurement, reporting for DTLI grants and much more.