

## Scottsburg Middle School Named Apple Distinguished Program

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Scottsburg Middle School is pleased to announce that it has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished Program for 2013 to 2015 for its comprehensive digital initiative. All students in grades six through eight use iPads as a tool to enhance learning. Teachers have curated digital content and have created a 24/7 learning environment for students to experience standards-based activities, practice digital citizenship, and develop 21st century learning skills.

The Apple Distinguished Program designation is reserved for programs that meet criteria for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence, and demonstrate a clear vision of exemplary learning environments.

“We are very proud of our digital initiative at Scottsburg Middle School. It was the initial wave in what has become a tidal wave of innovation around digital teaching and learning in Scott County School District 2. We have expanded our efforts to include grades 4-12 and look to include K-3 by next fall. We are very blessed to have a school board, community, and parents that have allowed us to do what is the best for our students and to have such a dedicated group of staff members all the way from our classroom teachers, to our IT staff, and our e-learning team.

The personnel in Scott County School District 2 are second to none,” stated Dr. Marc Slaton, Superintendent of Schools.

“This recognition is a wonderful affirmation of the hard work of our school team. We are blending the very best digital resources with the very best live instruction,” added Kristin Nass, Scottsburg Middle School Principal. Nass went on to say, “our kids use their devices to access content, collaborate with peers and staff, and create beautiful work and this opportunity is incredible.”

The selection of Scottsburg Middle School as an Apple Distinguished Program highlights the school’s success as an innovative and compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic accomplishment. “Scottsburg Middle School is

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seeing great early results. Our ISTEP+ scores were at the highest recorded levels in all five testing categories and we had a 25% reduction in school detentions,” Nass explained. “And we can’t forget about the value of creating positive digital footprints and developing digital learning skills. These lessons will impact our kids for all future learning and for life,” she added.