

# Longfellow/LDI Apple Distinguished School Award!

The School District of La Crosse is pleased to announce Longfellow Middle School has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2015–2017 for the unique implementation of its 1-to-1 iPad program and the faculty’s curriculum redesign to best leverage the technology in innovative and rigorous ways for classroom instruction.

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

“Our implementation of technology is unique because our teachers believe in the power of using technology to academically reach our students,” said Longfellow Principal Dr. Penny Reedy. “Our students have many choices in how they learn, and we are able to easily differentiate learning for them. Our teachers have been empowered to redesign the learning environment in ways that just weren’t possible prior to the iPad 1-to-1 implementation.”

The recognition of Longfellow Middle School as an Apple Distinguished School highlights their success as an innovative and compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic accomplishment.

“Our students use iPad to transform not only how they learn but how they show what they know,” said Reedy. “Our students are creating professional looking school products on iPad using the same or similar apps that higher education and industry are using. We are seeing creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration that is off the charts at our school, and we truly believe we are preparing our students for college and careers.”

Longfellow Middle School, known for its innovative educational practices, provides the highest quality education for learners. All students in grades 6 through 8 have 24/7 access to iPad for academic endeavors and use a variety of apps such as Keynote, iMovie, and Explain Everything to create content and share their success. Teachers work together to devise grade level instruction and redesign the curriculum using productivity apps, creating Multi-Touch books made with iBooks Author, and designing iTunes U courses for content distribution.

Please click on the link below to view our Apple iBook:

[Relationships-Engagement-Learning: An Innovative Approach to Learning](#)

