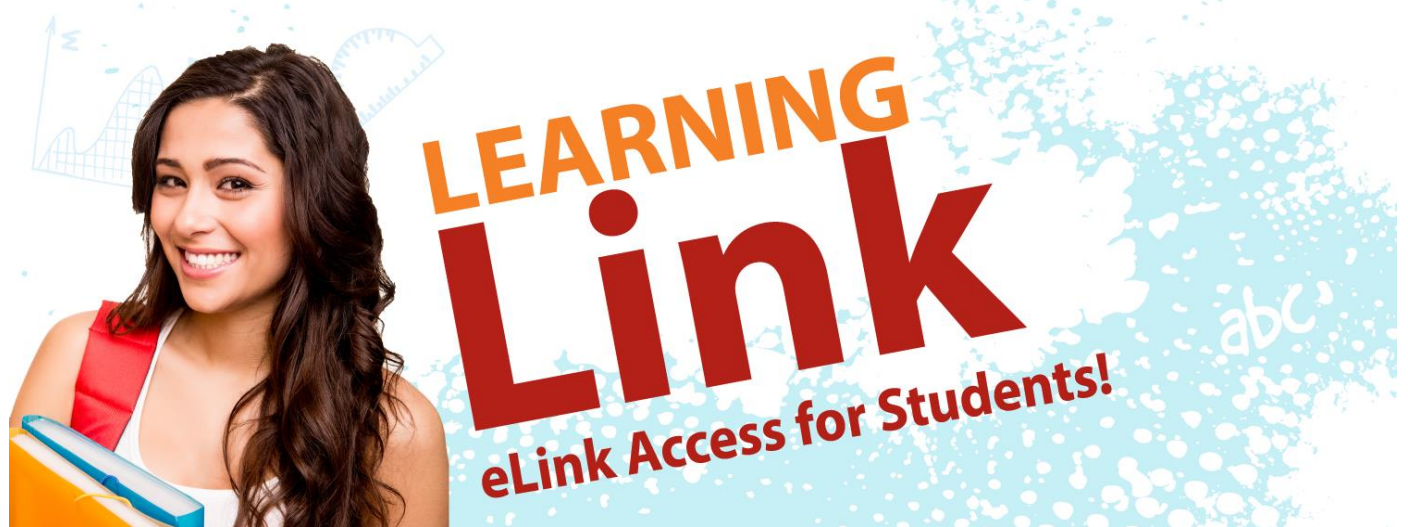


Houston Public Library Learning Link for ALIEF ISD



Everything you need to know about the Learning Link Account!

The Learning Link is a collaborative effort between HPL, City of Houston, H-E-B and the Alief Independent School District (AISD) to rise to the [White House ConnectED Challenge](#) pledging to link students to essential resources to achieve success in school and beyond.

What is the Learning Link Student Account?

The Learning Link is a student's educational passport to check out books, use online tools and access other services for FREE at all HPL locations and at home. It is a special library account that easy for students to remember. There is not a physical card associated with these accounts. Each account is created using data provided by the school district.

How will this card help my child?

- Stronger reading skills - the more students read, the better their comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary.
- Academic success - the more students read for fun on their own time, the higher their reading scores and math scores.
- Good communication skills - readers will be armed with the vocabulary they need to better communicate with their peers, teachers, and parents.

- Critical thinking skills - readers improve their general knowledge, and more importantly, are able to spot patterns quickly and identify solutions.

Are there any fines or fees?

Students will never have overdue fines on their student library account.

Students will be responsible for fees up to \$10 per lost or damaged items.

What types of resources and tools are accessible?

Students will have full access to HPL's digital media including e-books, databases and online homework help from home using any internet-enabled computer or device. Student accounts do not allow students to check out DVDs, laptops, or any mobile devices from HPL libraries.

What is the Learning Link Student barcode?

The library barcode of each student account is formatted as follows (with no dash or spaces):

The number 100, The FIRST INITIAL OF LAST NAME followed by student ID number

Example: John Smith, Student ID Number 123456

Library account number is: 100S123456

Do student accounts have PINs?

Yes. The accounts will use the student's birth month and date as PIN.

Example: John Smith, Date of Birth: November 24, 2005

PIN: 1124

How do students begin using their accounts?

Students can begin accessing HPL resources by visiting the HPL website and using their student library barcode. (see above)

Are all students eligible and have a student account?

Any student enrolled at a school in AISD is eligible for a student account.

Accounts are automatically active upon on the first day of school (or student starts).

Do student accounts expire?

The student account remains active as long as student is enrolled in the district. It is valid during summer and other school breaks. Accounts will become inactive once a student reaches \$50 worth in non-returned books.

How many items can the student borrow?

Students may borrow up to a total of 10 (juvenile items for elementary students; juvenile and/or adult items for middle and high school students) at one time for FREE. These can be print items or audiobooks. Students will also have unlimited access to digital materials with their Learning Link card, including e-books, e-audio books, and streaming video and music. There are checkout limits but they are the same as for any account.

How long can the student keep library materials?

The standard loan period is three weeks. Most items may be renewed for one additional three week period. The renewal period is calculated from the date the items are renewed. The maximum loan period, including renewal, is six weeks.