

Transform Your Statewide Educational Program

Blackboard for Correctional Education and Rehabilitation

Blackboard understands the goal for juvenile and adult correctional facilities is rehabilitating offenders to contribute to society upon release, while at the same time reducing recidivism rates and costs to the state.

State correctional and rehabilitation organizations partner with Blackboard to ensure the education goals that underpin the greater mission. State corrections experts team with Blackboard learning experts to drive real impact through shared responsibilities. Blackboard provides the educational technology that secures data of offenders and facility personnel, tracks progress of individuals and programs, allows communication with families, and provides ongoing innovation for continuous improvements. Beyond technology, Blackboard provides the strategic consulting, content development, implementation, help desk and support services required by successful learning programs.

With over 100 million learners and 20 years of experience, Blackboard is the largest educational technology company in the world, and we have perfected the art of effective learning. That experience includes higher education, K-12 education as well as a long history serving the government, including corrections, judicial and law enforcement agencies across the country.

Blackboard Learn SaaS (Software as a Service) is a modern and intuitive Learning Management System that enables all the benefits of the Cloud, including fast time to value and continuous innovation. Government clients across the country have improved learning and mission outcomes when partnered with Blackboard.



Cost
effective



Secure



Simplifies
process for
instructors

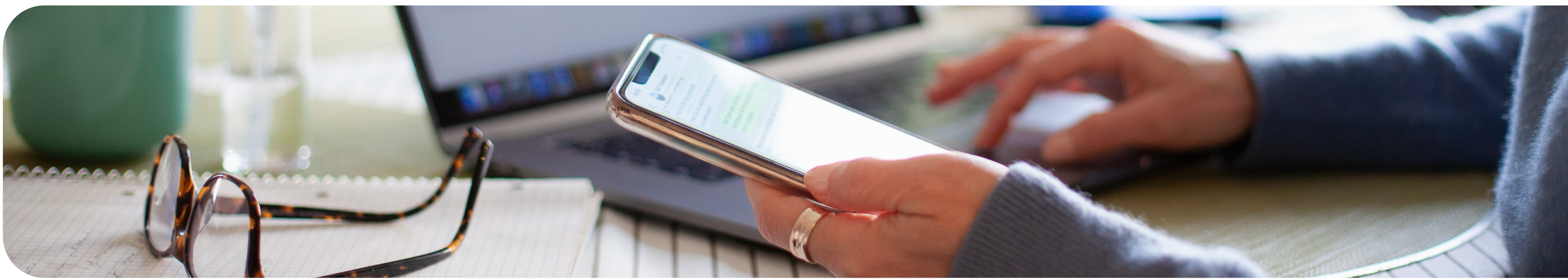


Improves
offender
engagement



Reduces
recidivism

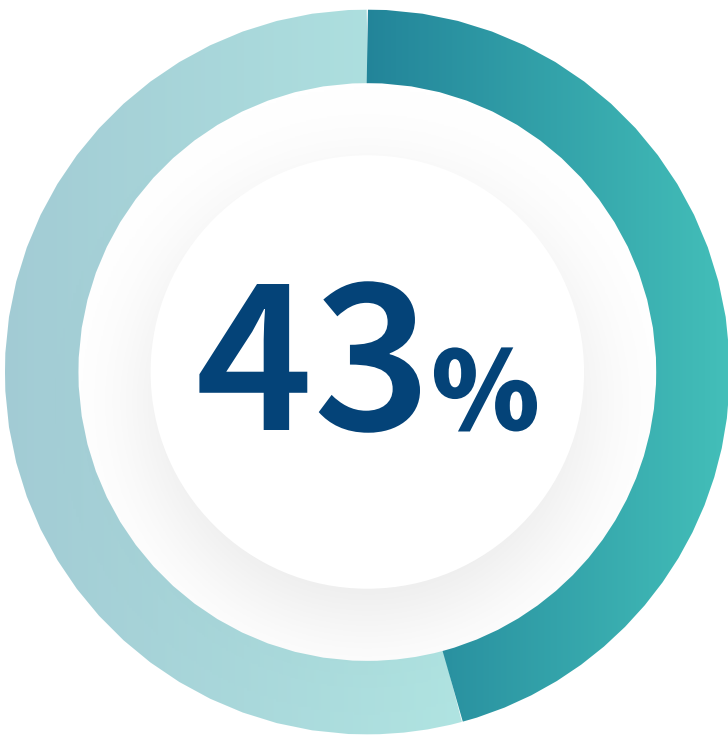




Customize a Smart, Secure Learning Program

Create a learner-centric training environment that increases offender (and/or employee) engagement and course completions, while effectively measuring your program's impact against educational objectives and mission outcomes. Key features include:

- ✔ Intuitive user interface
- ✔ Course Authoring Tools
- ✔ Content Management
- ✔ Virtual Classroom
- ✔ Learner Registration
- ✔ Reporting & Analytics
- ✔ Assessments
- ✔ Social Learning Tools
Journals, discussions, wikis, blogs
- ✔ Learning Paths
- ✔ Progress Tracking
- ✔ Mobile Apps



Individuals who participate in correctional education have 43% lower odds of recidivating after release than those who do not¹.

Blackboard clients have ensured successful learning programs by following these best practices:

- Leverage the same Blackboard technology regardless of class or course modality. Blackboard is used for in-person, blended and fully on-line, self-paced courses.
- Ensure learner engagement through superior course design, social learning tools, and the integrated virtual classroom.
- Make the most of peer support available through Blackboard's vast user community of experts.
- Tap Blackboard learning experts to jump-start your program. From program strategy to content design and development to end user help desk support, Blackboard has the experienced staff to extend your team and your success.

Blackboard Learn™ SaaS holds the FedRAMP Moderate authorization, making it the ideal cloud solution for clients with strong security requirements. Blackboard's continued investment in maintaining security authorizations allows clients to safeguard user data, for both the incarcerated and facility personnel. Corrections organizations can reap all the benefits of SaaS including:

- Improved time to value
- Lower cost driven by economies of scale
- Scalability and resiliency via the Cloud
- Continuous innovation through faster release cycles
- Advanced security

1. Davis, Lois M., Robert Bozick, Jennifer L. Steele, Jessica Saunders and Jeremy N. V. Miles. Evaluating the Effectiveness of Correctional Education: A Meta-Analysis of Programs That Provide Education to Incarcerated Adults. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2013.
[http:// www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR266.html](http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR266.html).

Make Course Content Accessible to All

Blackboard is first and foremost a learning company. Our mission is to advance learning together with the world's education community, so that all students, educators and institutions can realize their goals today and prepare for tomorrow. This mission ensures our continued investment in accessibility across Blackboard's offerings.

While Blackboard Learn meets 508 compliance accessibility standards, Blackboard Ally ensures the learning content also conforms to the highest levels of global accessibility standards. Blackboard Ally ensures usability, accessibility, and quality of course content.

Blackboard Ally:

- Checks content for accessibility issues and makes recommended improvements for further accessibility
- Generates alternative formats for content including HTML, audio, ePub, electronic braille and tagged PDFs
- Provides organization-wide reporting on course content accessibility metrics to drive further improvements

A focus on learning content allows for technology to meet the learner where they best perform. Whether it be a preference for audio over written instruction, or a language translation, the technology repurposes existing content. This not only eases the burden on instructors and content creators but increases the effectiveness of your programs – meeting learners where they can perform their best.

Beyond learner preferences, Blackboard Ally helps address learning of offenders with known, unknown, disclosed, or undisclosed disabilities.

“...there's a quality of life benefit for other prisoners: Prison yards with college courses report reduced violence and a safer work environment for corrections staff.”²

Stay Connected With Families

Keeping parents, family members and guardians involved in the educational process is key to offender success. Blackboard communication tools help instructors share student-specific information, relevant news, and timely updates to support a positive and supportive learning environment for every offender. This communication also empowers families, giving them convenient access to the correctional education program and student information so they can impact their child's success.

Access Coursework Off-line

We realize that some correctional facilities operate their educational programs with no or very limited Internet access. Blackboard Offline provides continuous access to course content, regardless of the Internet connection.

2. Paynter, B. (2018, March 23). California's Prison Education System Is Yielding Impressive Results. Fast Company. Retrieved from: https://www.fastcompany.com/40547877/californias-prison-education-system-is-yielding-impressive-results?partner=feedburner&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+fastcompany%2Fheadlines+%28Fast+Company%29

- ✔ Download content for when the system goes offline
- ✔ Select content for an entire course or just specific items
- ✔ Upload completed work once back online

Create a Virtual Classroom for Staff Training

Bring a new way to share knowledge throughout your corrections department with Blackboard Collaborate™. Designed with the learner in mind, our collaborative technology provides an opportunity to train the correctional facility staff in a virtual classroom that emulates in-person training. Virtual classrooms also offer a way to bring experts and guest instructors into class virtually, without the need for added travel expense. Blackboard Collaborate is fully integration with Blackboard Learn, offering a seamless end user experience. No need to switch between applications or log in multiple times.

Expand Your Program with Our Learning Experts

Blackboard stands ready to partner with correctional departments with the goal of rehabilitating offenders and offering optimal opportunities on their educational journey. Blackboard is experienced in multi-site complex deliveries with diverse learning programs and use cases. Blackboard technology and educational experts provide the systems, know-how and support to ensure overall success. Blackboard services can include any of the following:

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| ✔ Technology implementation, configuration and customization | ✔ Help Desk for technical and end user support |
| ✔ System operations, maintenance, and engineering | ✔ Product development and continuous innovation |
| ✔ System integration and third-party support | ✔ Project management |
| ✔ Course design and development | ✔ Enrollment and financial staff |
| ✔ Advance program analytics | ✔ System training for all roles |

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