

# Blackboard and Sprint Team Up to Bring Mobile Learning to Students at No Additional Cost to Schools

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Blackboard Mobile Learn to debut on select Sprint smartphones in June. Students can complete class work, check grades, interact with professors and more from virtually anywhere, anytime and at no extra charge.

Today's students are increasingly reliant on mobile devices to communicate and manage their lives, and many educational institutions are looking for ways to use mobility to attract and engage students. To help support them, Sprint and Blackboard Inc. today announced a partnership to turn the "everywhere" mobile device into an anytime learning option. The two companies will offer Blackboard Mobile Learn™; a new application from Blackboard that will let students learn when and where they want – to users of Sprint devices at no additional cost to institutions.

The application will recreate and enrich the course experience of Blackboard Learn™, the leading Web-based teaching and learning platform, in native applications for a range of devices. With it, millions of students who log into their Blackboard® accounts each day will be able to tap into mobile learning opportunities by checking grades and assignments, adding comments to discussion boards, e-mailing instructors and classmates and posting comments to blogs – all from their mobile devices.

"Campuses are seeing increased demand from students and faculty who want to do more on their mobile devices," said Michael L. Chasen, Blackboard's president and CEO. "By partnering with Sprint we're making it easy for clients to get started fast, without having to worry about startup costs that might otherwise delay progress in this important area." [Press Release link](#)