

Technology Times

Back to School 2023 - Great things are happening @WacoISD!!

Instructional Technology



Digital Citizenship

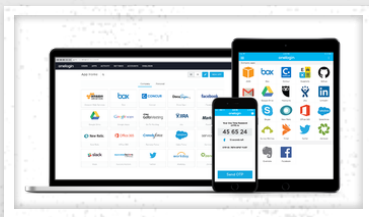
In the evolving digital landscape of education, we've witnessed the challenges faced by students and families due to limited resources. 🖨️💻. Thankfully, there has been a multitude of funding sources that have emerged, allowing us to bridge the gap in digital resources for devices and internet access. 🌐💡. However, with this influx of resources, there have been challenges as we transition from scarcity to abundance.

Students and faculty have been thrust into a new educational paradigm encompassing hybrid learning, remote instruction, in-person classes, and sometimes a blend of all three. 🏫📱. This underscores the importance of cultivating Digital Citizenship, instructing students in responsible online behavior. Common Sense Media Education offers a comprehensive curriculum tailored to different grade levels, a resource we encourage you to integrate into your lessons. 🌟📖

[Teacher Training and Ideas for Teacher Digital Citizenship](#)

Our Coordinator for Instructional Technology, Mr. Paul Mach, has also designed lessons for seamless integration into your daily routines, whether through Seesaw for grades K-5 or Canvas for grades 6-12. 📊 📱

Waco ISD Digital Citizenship Activities



There's an App for that!

Did you know we've got a treasure chest of over 600 District Approved free applications waiting for you on the Self Service Portal of your student iPads? 📱 📁 It's like having a whole bunch of handy tools right at your fingertips!

Want to see the full list? Check it out here: [District Approved Applications](#). It's like a menu of options for you to choose from!

Now, let's talk about the process of adding a new application to the catalog. When we want to add new software or apps, we've got a system in place called the Digital Review Process. 🔄 It's like having a checklist to make sure everything's in order. First off, we figure out what needs these new apps are meeting by utilizing the [Digital Review Flowchart](#). It's all about making sure these apps play nice with our district goals and other digital services.

After that, the team coordinates between the Curriculum and Instruction Department and your campus administration to ensure that everything from funding to training is in place to make this happen. We're all about making sure our funding is put to the best use possible and that these apps are used consistently across the district. 🌟

So, there you have it – a peek into the tech behind the scenes of the applications and the process to purchase them. It's not just apps and software; it's a way to make sure we're reaching toward the same educational goals. From app choices to

district goals, it's all part of the digital adventure we're on! 🌐



Digital Review Flow Chart

Operational Technology

Back to School Technology

With the excitement of our students returning, let's make sure we have a smooth school year by tackling our tech tasks head-on. 🧑‍💻 Whenever you find yourself in need of tech support, our help desk is here to lend a hand. And if things get a bit more complex, don't hesitate to fire off a work order – our tech team is ready to swoop in and save the day faster than you can say "Is it lunch yet?!" 🍱 🚨 And when a tech emergency strikes, sending a work order is like sounding the tech alarm – our Technology Services will jump into action and make sure everything is back on track.

Technology Services Helpdesk

254.755.9599

or

helpdesk.wacoisd.org

to complete a work order

So, let's remember – we're in this together, armed with the knowledge and support to make this school year a tech-savvy success! 🧑‍💻 🚨 🍱

Waco ISD Helpdesk

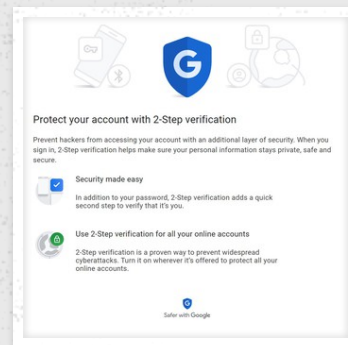
Cybersecurity

2-Step Verification (2 Factor Authentication)

🔒 Starting September 13th, 2023, Waco ISD is adding an extra layer of security to your Google Suite account. It's called 2-Step Verification, and it's like having an additional lock on your

digital door. 🗝️

When you log in to Google, after entering your password, you'll need to verify your access using a trusted device or token. 📱 🔑 This way, even if someone manages to get your password, they won't be able to get into your account without that second piece of the puzzle. It's like needing both a password and a secret code to get through a gate.



2-Step Verification is a solid shield 🛡️ against cyber threats. By requiring both something you know (your password) and something you have (your device or token), it makes it much harder for unauthorized individuals to breach your account.

So, mark your calendar for September 13th when this extra security measure kicks in. It's a simple way to give your account an armor against potential cyber attacks. Stay secure out there! 🛡️

The cyber security knights 🛡️ 🗝️ in Technology Services will send you an email like the one below when we are ready for you to start guarding your digital life in Waco ISD. 🌟 🗝️

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Google** <no-reply@accounts.google.com>
Date: Sat, Jun 24, 2023 at 12:31 PM
Subject: Enroll in 2-step verification now to avoid losing domain access
To: <first.lastname@wacoisd.org>



Enroll in 2-step verification to avoid losing domain access

first.lastname@wacoisd.org

Your Google Workspace domain wacoisd.org will begin enforcing 2-step verification on September 13th, 2023. 2-step verification enhances your account's security by requiring you to present a second factor in addition to your username and password when you sign in. Follow these simple steps to enroll yourself in 2-step verification, otherwise you will not be able to login after September 13, 2023.

Enroll

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2-Step Verification for Google Suite



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