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Technology Times: April 2022

Great things are happening @Wacoisd with Technology Services

Instructional Technology

Upgrades to our Google Suite for Education



Waco ISD has upgraded out Google account from Education Fundamentals to Workspace for Education Plus. The upgrade grants our teachers more technology resources built into a platform you are already familiar with - Google Suite. Education Plus is the ultimate Google Workspace for Education edition. It includes all the enhanced security features and premium teaching and learning tools from Education Standard and the Teaching and Learning Upgrade, and more. Here are some of the upgraded benefits you can begin using immediately:

Google Fundamental for Education vs. Google Workspace for Education Plus

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| <p>Enable seamless collaboration Make it easy for everyone in your school community to collaborate together.</p> | <p>Boost productivity Give teachers easy-to-use tools to help simplify tasks and save time.</p> | <p>Communicate flexibly Connect your institution with email, chat, and video.</p> |
| <p>Organize your tasks Build to-do lists, create task reminders, schedule meetings, and help keep on top of tasks.</p> | <p>Provide trusted security Safeguard against digital threats with best-in-class, multilayered security.</p> | |

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expense of Zoom.

Google Assignments

- Promote academic integrity. Scan for potential plagiarism and use school matches to scan submissions against a school-owned repository of past student work with unlimited originality reports. Take advantage of unlimited [originality reports](#) and identify potential plagiarism by checking student work against a private, domain-owned repository of past work

Google Classroom

- COMING SOON [Practice sets](#) transform new and existing content into engaging and interactive assignments. We will still be utilizing Canvas as our LMS, but wanted to give you Classroom as an additional resource as well.

Google Drive

- With Education Plus, receive an additional 20 GB for each licensed user on top of the 100 TB of pooled cloud storage shared by your organization.

[Click here for a quick overview](#)

End of the year procedures

As we are getting ready for the end of the year, I know it can be a little bit like "herding cats". Hopefully giving you some EOY procedures will help make this a bit more smooth.

EDS, an HP Company 'Cat Herders'



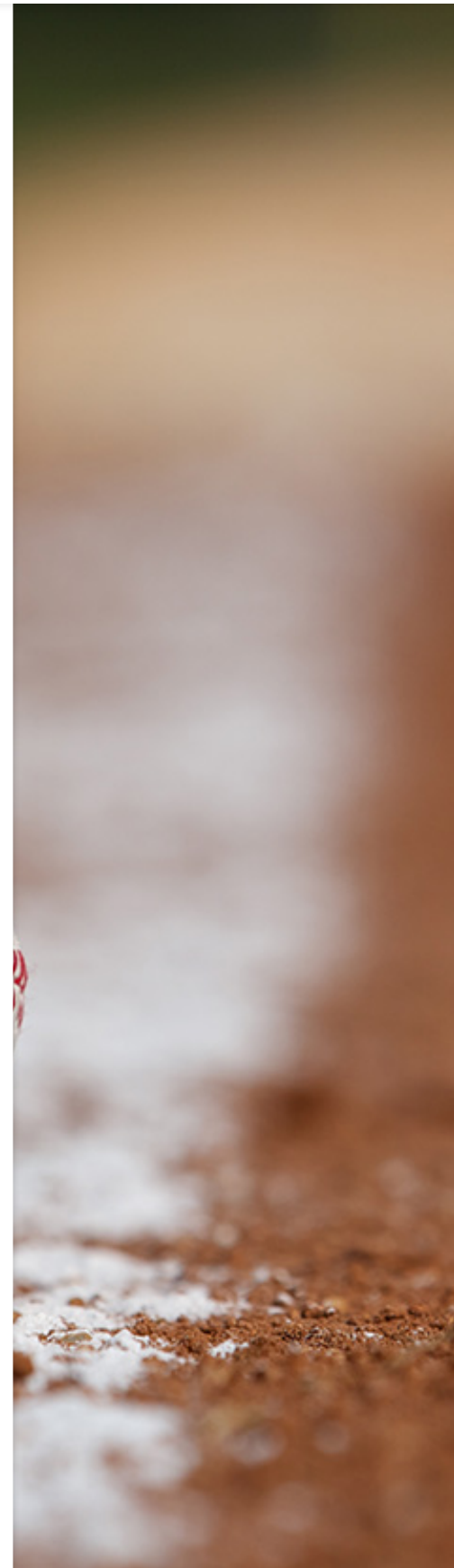
Canvas: End of Year procedures and processes

I know you are all now experts in Canvas and probably don't need this, but just in case, here are some year end processes and guides for you to utilize as we wrap up the 2021-22 school year.

Canvas has supplied us with the following resources for you to use to make sure your content is safe and accessible.

Here are some questions we thought you might ask:

- 1) Do you have a guide for preparing for the end of the year that is more recent than 2018?



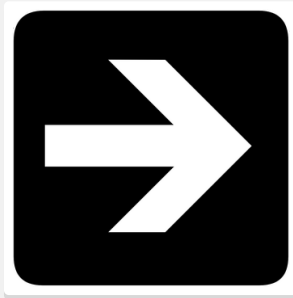
Yes!

3) What is the best method to retain content for use for next school year?

[Rolling Over Content at the End of a Quarter/Semester](#)

Resources for teachers:

- [Beginning/End of Year Checklist for Teachers](#)
- [Canvas Course Evaluation Checklist](#)
- [Mobile App Design Course Evaluation Checklist](#)



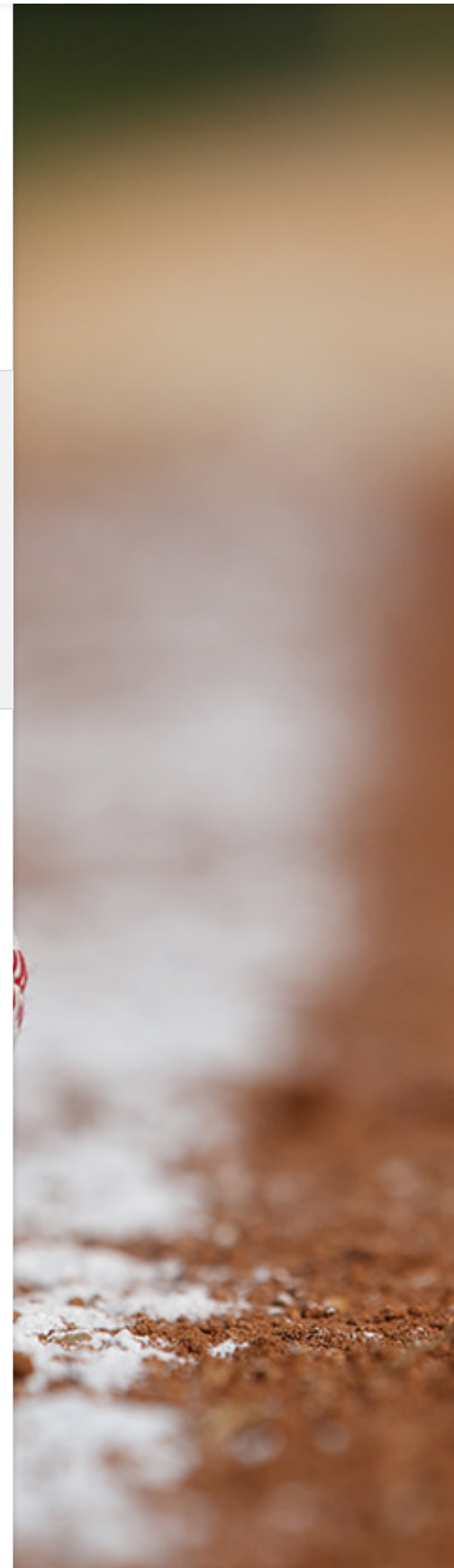
Teacher Tools: Chrome Extension Importing Grades to TEAMS from CANVAS

Don't forget that a wonderful teacher in Austin ISD has developed a simple tool that allows you to easily import your grades. Technology Services has visited with Mr. Schaffer about his creation [Teacher Tools](#) and verified that the product is safe and can work with your Chrome browser. As with any Chrome extension, the district doesn't provide support other than to whitelist it and make it available for you to try. We have several teachers that have utilized this product and all have reported incredible time savings.

[Visit the Chrome Web Store here and add it to your extensions:](#)
[Teacher Tools](#)

Once you have installed the extension, you will be directed to the Teacher Tools website with further instructions for utilization.

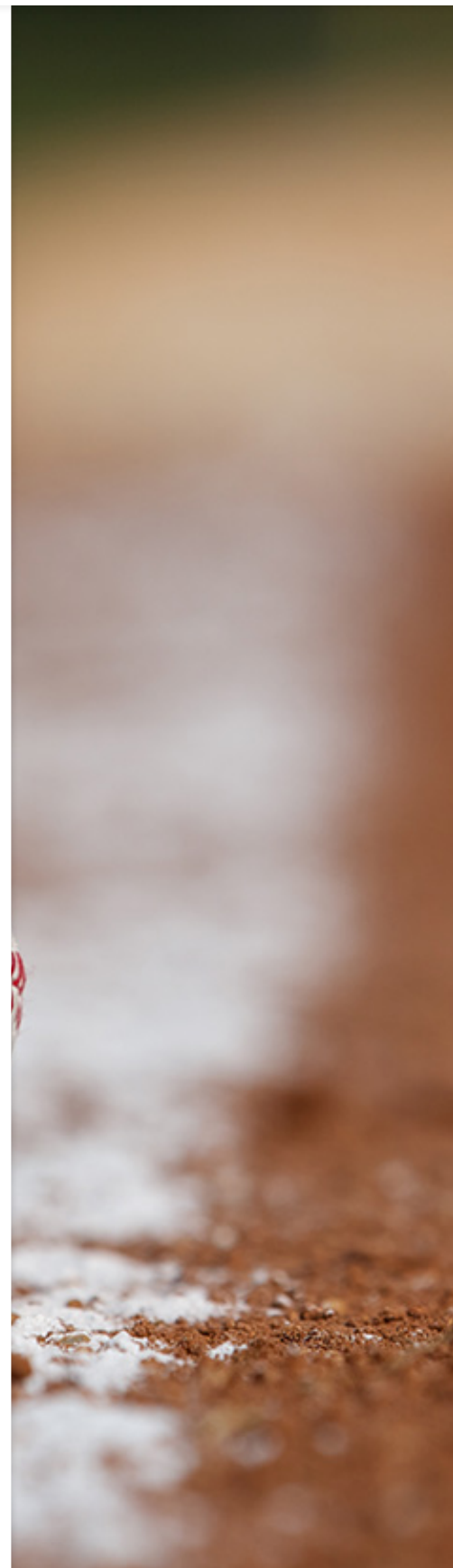
[Teachers Tools](#)





Student Devices including Hot Spots

- High Schools
 - Students 9 - 11 should keep their device over the summer.
 - Current 8th graders moving to 9th grade will give their devices to the HS librarian in the 2022-23 school year and receive a new device.
 - The returned devices of the 8th graders will be used for 10 - 12; move ins or replacement (if payment received and verified).
 - Enough devices for all 9th grade students will be brought to the HS's by Technology Services for the start of the 2022 - 23 school year.
- Middle Schools
 - Students 6 - 8 should keep their device over the summer.





Services for the start of the 2022 - 23 school year.

- Technology will provide older devices for the 7th and 8th graders; move ins and replacements (if payment received and verified) - 200 per campus.

- Elementary Schools
 - Minimum Standard for Student Devices
 - PK - 2 - Chrome tablets.... [Tot Spots](#) <-- Click her to check them out.
 - These are new Samsung Galaxy Tabs A7 Lite devices and we will be selecting a group of teachers to beta test these in the fall. Thanks to the Emergency Connectivity Fund, our district has over 4,000 to give to teachers for their classrooms.
 - To be considered for the beta test of these devices in your classroom, please complete the ["Chromebook Educator"](#) Training from TCEA. Remember, for successful completion of the course, you will receive your new 2-in-1 mobile chromebook teaching solution. If you have already completed the training... YAY!!! you will already be considered.
 - Technology Services is currently verifying that all current iPad apps will continue to work with this new device.
 - Bells Hill will remain iPads as they are Apple Distinguished Campus.
 - We will not remove any iPads from existing campuses unless they are aged out ... Only through attrition will iPads be removed from a campus.
 - 3- 5 Chromebooks (All Windows Student Devices will be removed)
 - All elementary campuses will receive new chromebook devices for their 2022 - 23 school year
 - Technology will pick up existing student laptop type devices on the campus to swap with new chromebooks over the summer.

Teacher Devices

All teachers will keep their device over the summer to ensure that everyone has the resources needed to go to trainings and work on other items for their classrooms.

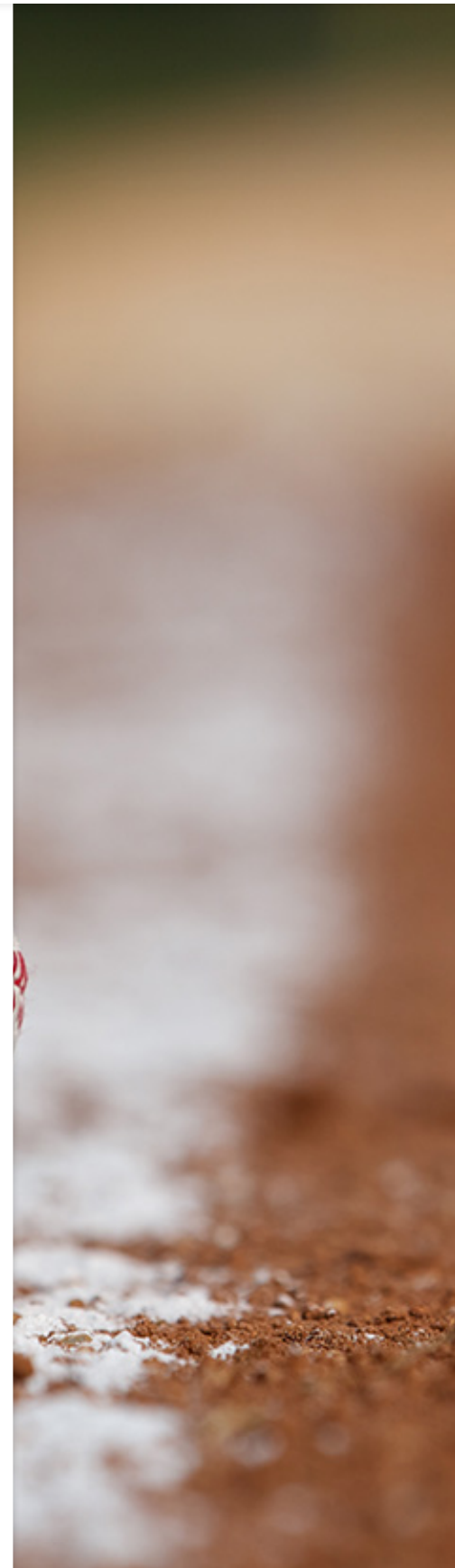
- If they leave the district, they will need to leave it with the campus as part of the check out with a badge and key card and other check out items.
 - The campus will put in a work order and the technician will pick up the laptops and other teacher devices, and bring it to Technology Services for reimaging.
 - Please remember that these teacher devices are not campus owned devices... They are district owned devices.
 - Technology Services will reimage and redeploy to the campuses with new hires.
 - Technology Services will ensure that the campus has the necessary amount of laptops needed to start the school year.

End of Year Procedures and Equipment Checklist 2021-22

Operational Technology

Faculty & Staff Helpdesk

Please remember that if you need assistance with your technology, the helpdesk is here to assist you.





- 3. Click on Have a problem? Report it.. or the Want Software? (This is for all district approved software)
- 4. Or you can: call 254-755-9599 Monday - Friday 7:30AM - 5:00PM or email helpdesk@wacoisd.org

Waco ISD Helpdesk

Click here to be taken directly to the Helpdesk work order system.



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