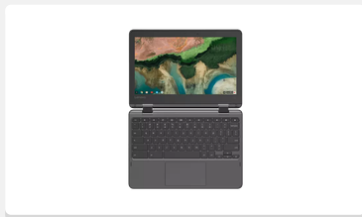


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Great things are happening @Wacoisd with Technology Services

Instructional Technology



Want a new LENOVO Touchscreen 2-in-1 Chromebook as a mobile teaching solution?

Sign up for our Chromebook Educator Training through TCEA and when you complete the course, we will assign you a NEW Lenovo 300E 2-in-1 Chromebook to use in your classroom.

- The Chromebook Educator: This straightforward, self-paced course provides you with guided support to clarify using a Chromebook in your classrooms. You'll become fluent in using a Chromebook for your classroom and leave with unique ideas and techniques for use with your students.

Please sign up for the training by clicking on the following link:

https://bit.ly/WISD_TCEA_Training

Once you complete the training, simply put in a work order and attach your TCEA Certification. Make sure to choose the category "Chromebook Educator Program"

Additional training available for ALL Waco ISD Faculty and Staff

If you are looking for a way to enhance your technical skills, we have partnered with TCEA to provide ALL Waco ISD faculty and staff with the following online/on-demand trainings as well:



- Google Level 1: TCEA's Google Level 1 course assists educators in earning their Google Educator Level 1 certification. Upon completion, you will earn the TCEA Google Educator Level 1 Certification which will prepare participants to successfully pass the Google Educator Level 1 exam (certification exam cost not included).
- Google Level 2: The purpose of this program is to assist educators in earning their Google Educator Level 2 certification. Participants who successfully complete the certification requirements will earn the TCEA Google Educator Level 2 Certification. They will also be prepared to pursue the Google Educator Level 2 Certification (certification exam cost not included).
- Canvas Educator: This straightforward, self-paced course provides you with a roadmap to conquer Canvas. You'll become the go-to expert and transform the way students are learning by putting them on the path you built specifically for them.
- Seesaw Educator: The focus of this online course is to assist you in learning to use Seesaw and adapt strategies for your own use in the classroom. This is a basic level course and anyone wanting to build their capacity in Seesaw should sign up.
- Seesaw Content Creator: This online, self-paced course offers instruction, ideas, and strategies on how to deepen your implementation of Seesaw. It assumes that you already know the basics of Seesaw, but are now wanting to expand your learning and your usage of the program in order to enhance the daily experiences of teachers and students. This course is framed to support your blended learning efforts with the Seesaw learning management system.
- Remote Learning Educator Certification: This robust, self-paced course provides you with multiple ways to facilitate remote learning based on research-based instructional strategies in order for you to provide an exceptional educational experience for your students.

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Emergency Connectivity Fund



Waco ISD has been 100% funded for Emergency Connectivity Funding for the following devices for Faculty, Staff and Students.

- We will receive \$5,230,982.50 for the following 16,975 Devices
- This includes:
 - 4,250 Chrome Tablets for grades PreK - 2 (Ready for the 2022 SY)
 - 5,400 Chromebooks for grades 3-7 (Ready for the 2022 SY)
 - 1,625 Upgraded Chromebooks for special education students (Ready for the 2022 SY)
 - 1,450 Upgraded Chromebooks for faculty and staff (Ready for faculty and staff in the Spring semester of 2021 SY)
 - 4,250 T-Mobile hotspots for internet connectivity for faculty, staff, and students. (Ready now)

These items are in process of being delivered to our district and will be ready for full deployment by our Technology Services Department for the 2022 school year.

Need Internet Access???

Waco ISD has partnered with T-Mobile to provide faculty, staff, and students with hot spots that provide cellular internet access to those that need it. These are funded through the Emergency Connectivity Fund from the American Rescue Plan.



Simply complete the following form and one will be assigned to you for educational use. This can be used for all educational needs for you to provide or receive instruction.

[Waco ISD: Internet Device Request](#)

Need information or help?

Here is a list of Technology Resources available to you.

- [Technology Website](#) - FAQ's, tips, tutorials, documentation and contact information.
- Helpdesk Phone support - 254-755-9599 -- You can reach out to get answers to your questions and for issues that can resolved remotely.
- [Email helpdesk](#) - Get answers to questions.
- [Helpdesk ticketing system](#) - Enter a work order for repairs, to receive quotes and to download software

Waco ISD Helpdesk

Student Technical Support

Dell Educational Purchase Program

WELCOME TO
THE DELL MEMBER
PURCHASE PROGRAM.

Get the best perks and prices here.



Dell is offering preferred pricing to all stakeholders within Waco ISD through their Member Purchase Program. There are a number of great deals for computer purchases at a discounted price.

Cybersecurity Reminders!!!

An infographic with a blue background and white stars. On the left, there is a cartoon illustration of a house with a snow-covered roof and string lights. A burglar in a mask is entering the house, and another burglar is running away from the house. On the right, there are two large circular ornaments. The top one is yellow and contains the text: '25.9 million Americans had packages stolen from their residence.' The bottom one is green and contains the text: '22.6 million had decorations stolen or vandalized.'

Beware of
Holiday **Thefts**

25.9 million Americans had packages stolen from their residence.

22.6 million had decorations stolen or vandalized.



A Few of Our Favorite (Security) Things



Personal security always tops the wish list! From cybercriminals stealing our data, to porch thieves stealing our deliveries, let's keep the spirit of security with these tips during the busy holiday season.

Shopping Online

Only buy products from reputable sellers and websites. Do some research, read a few reviews, and confirm that you're buying a legitimate item and not a counterfeit. If a deal seems too good to be true, search elsewhere.

Before entering credit card and other personal information, ensure that you have a secure connection. Look for HTTPS (vs. HTTP) and a green padlock next to the URL. Double-check that the URL correlates to the website. Remember, scammers impersonate legitimate sites with imposters that steal credit card data.

Avoid using debit cards or payment methods that connect directly to your bank. A security breach could give cybercriminals a chance to empty your accounts. Use credit cards instead, many of which offer fraud protection and put zero liability on the consumer.

Keep tabs on your financials. Routinely log into your accounts and check for fraudulent or duplicate charges. Immediately contact the bank or credit card company if you find purchases you didn't authorize.



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