

Technology Times: April 2021

Great things are happening @Wacoisd with Technology Services

Instructional Technology

Teacher Survey for Instructional Technology

Please take a moment to complete the above survey. This will help guide our decisions as a district for future technology training and planning.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP GUIDE

PRACTICING SAFE, RESPONSIBLE, AND LEGAL USE OF TECHNOLOGY



DIGITAL COMMERCE

Be respectful and always have permission before you hit "buy."



DIGITAL DOWNTIME

Remember to digitally disconnect and spend time with others.



DIGITAL ETIQUETTE

Apply real world behavioral standards to the digital world.



DIGITAL HEALTH

Know when to stay connected and when to turn off devices.



DIGITAL INTEGRITY

Examine the source of online information to determine credibility.



DIGITAL LITERACY

Avoid suspicious emails, websites, and online advertisements.



DIGITAL PRIVACY

Review privacy settings. Know what to share and with whom.



DIGITAL RESPONSIBILITY

Report problems, abusive behavior, and inappropriate images or content.



DIGITAL SECURITY

Make passwords easy to remember, but hard to guess.

Legislative Update: Digital Citizenship (HB 219)

Bill promoting digital citizenship in schools passes House

A bill that seeks to expand digital citizenship education in public schools passed in the Texas House of Representatives on Tuesday. HB 129, brought forward by state Rep. Mary González, D-El Paso, would require school districts to incorporate digital citizenship instruction into their curriculum, which would include providing information about the potential criminal consequences of cyberbullying. It would also teach students about media literacy and digital ethics and etiquette, or "respectful discourse with people who have differing opinions, safety, security, digital footprint, and the identification of rhetoric that incites violence based on a person's race, religion, or political affiliation." teach students about media literacy and digital ethics and etiquette, or "respectful discourse with people who have differing opinions, safety, security, digital footprint, and the identification of rhetoric that incites violence based on a person's race, religion, or political affiliation,"

[El Paso Times](#)



Classlink: Single Sign On Solution

Waco ISD has migrated to [ClassLink LaunchPad](#) as a single sign on solution for all faculty and staff.

At this time students will continue to utilize CLEVER as their single sign on for educational programs.

From this one portal you will be able to access all your mission critical software like TEAMS, Eduphoria, Microsoft Office, Google Suite, 5Labs, Canvas, Seesaw, and many others. Sign in once and access all the programs you need. Plus tie your Google and MS One Drive to the portal and you'll have access to everything in one place!!! Look for a Classlink icon to show on your desktop.

Please watch this [video](#) to gain further insight into this tool and how it can save you time!



Canvas: End of Year procedures and processes

We are in the process of developing our end of year process and procedures with regards to Canvas. 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! Use the links below.

2) Will courses created this year be available for teachers to reuse content for next school year?

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](#)

Operational Technology



COVID gives economics lessons in supply and demand for Educational Technology

Global demand for K-12 devices outstrips supply

Demand for Chromebooks, iPads, and Windows-based laptops continues to soar globally, outstripping manufacturing capacity and slowing the ability of school systems all around the world to secure the devices they need. A report from Futuresource Consulting has found that in many cases, orders placed in June of last year weren't shipped until December, and the K-12 marketplace began 2021 with a "front-end loaded" logjam of orders from the third and fourth quarters of 2020. The crush of device orders coming from K-12 institutions last year exceeded analyst projections, with the global market increasing shipments by nearly 70% and setting a new record. K-12 device shipments in the U.S. increased by about 90% year-over-year in 2020, representing the largest increase of any global region. Before the COVID outbreak, at the end of 2019, the U.S. was just under 60% in terms of K-12 device penetration and was "edging ever closer" to complete 1-to-1 as more schools were adopting digital curriculum tools.

[EdWeek Market Brief](#)

Faculty & Staff Helpdesk

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

1. navigate to <https://helpdesk.wacoisd.org/>
2. Sign in with your Waco ISD username and password.
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.

Cybersecurity Reminders!!!



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