

# Technology Times: March 2021

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## Instructional Technology



### Single Sign On Solution

Waco ISD will be migrating to [ClassLink LaunchPad](#) as a single sign on solution for all faculty and staff. ***At this time students will continue to utilize CLEVER as there 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. We expect this to be operational beginning April 1. We will of course continue to assess and monitor this solution for assistance with improving engagement and instructional time!

## Benefits of SSO



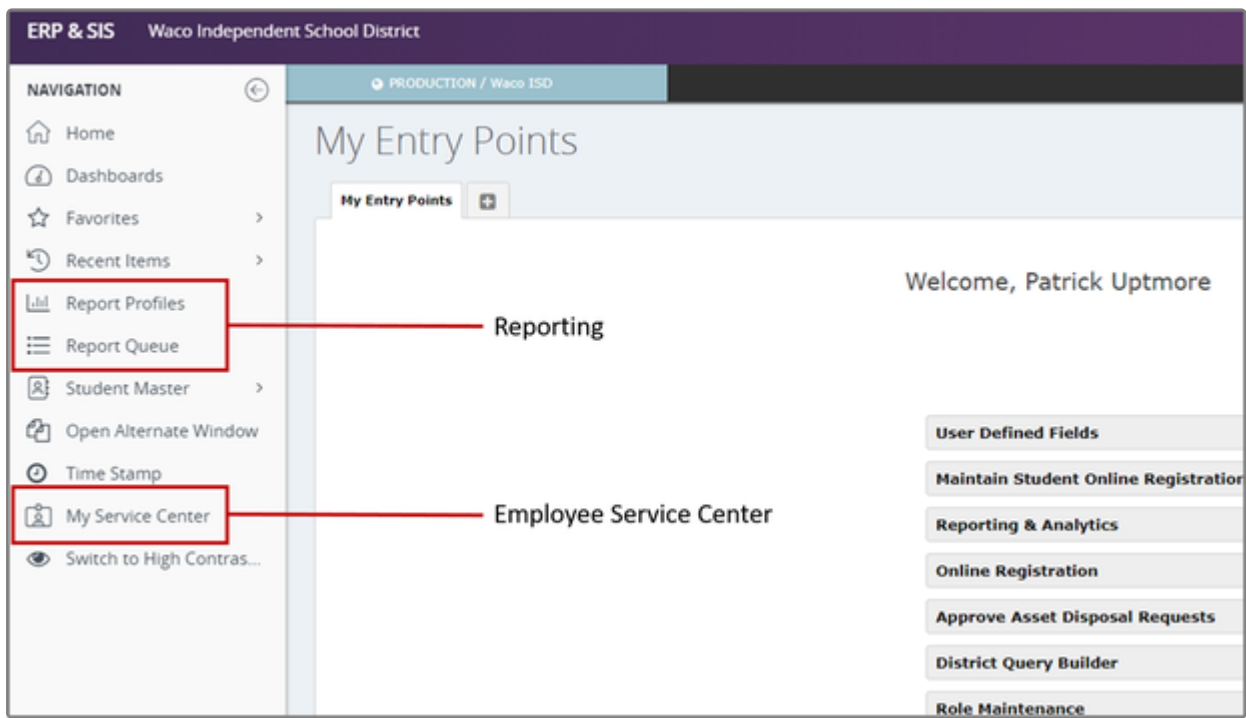
## PEIMS and Data Services

### Frontline Security Role Updates

We are working to increase the efficiency of access in the Frontline SIS/ERP platform and streamline the user menus. This process will start at the campus level and staff members will begin to see changes in their home screen. We are starting with the Teacher role, and changes will take place on 3/12/2021. All staff will have identical accesses within the different security roles, but we are working to ensure no accesses are lost during the transition.



One change that has been noticed during testing is the removal of the 'Employee Service Center' and the 'My Report' menu. Both of these features are available through the main Navigation Menu as shown below. If there are any questions/concerns with the transition, please contact [patrick.uptmore@wacoisd.org](mailto:patrick.uptmore@wacoisd.org).



## Digital Review Process: SIS/ERP (TEAMS Frontline)



### Frontline (TEAMS) SIS & ERP Program Evaluation and Review

The Waco ISD Technology Services will be completing reviews and evaluations of mission critical platforms to ensure the products meet the needs of the district. With this effort, we will be conducting a full review and evaluation of the Frontline (TEAMS) SIS & ERP platform. We are asking for campuses and departments to complete a high level review with their respective leadership and provide their feedback in the Google Sheet provided below.

[ADMINISTRATION REVIEW](#)

We are also providing a link to a Google Form that can be completed by all staff members at the campus level and we ask that the Principals distribute the information accordingly.

### TEACHER REVIEW

All evaluations and feedback will be closed on Friday, April 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm. We will use this information to address identified areas of need and inform future decisions. We appreciate your time and the time of your staff in this matter.

## Operational Technology



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### Technology Plan Summary - Operation REBOOT

As most of you know, a life cycle replacement plan has been started for the replacement of older technology within our district. I wanted to take a moment to give you a summary of what that looks like moving forward for all campuses dependent upon budget and availability. The updated plan has divided the campuses into cohorts and includes all campuses over the course of 5 years rotation. Here is an executive summary of the highlights.

#### ***Student Devices***

- PK - 2nd Grade will continue to utilize iPads for instructional technology.
- 3rd - 12th Grade will move to Chromebook.
- Virtual Desktop Solution for all dual credit and CTE students.
- After next year, all 3rd, 6th, and 9th grade students will receive a new Chromebook solution.

The district has purchased over 5,000 new Chromebooks that will be deployed next year to all secondary campuses for 1-1 with our students. The campuses will continue to purchase replacement devices and ancillary needs for student devices. The current inventory of Chromebooks will be collected and redeployed across the district for use in the classrooms as a cart solution. Additionally, we have purchased a Virtual Desktop Solution for all CTE and Dual Credit students. This solution creates a windows desktop in the "cloud" that will allow students to remote into with their Chromebook to access programs like Revit, AutoCAD, Photoshop and other high resource need programs. iPads will be replaced on a rotational schedule according to cohorts and grant funding available.

#### ***Teacher Devices***

The district will provide the following as a standard teacher package that will be upgraded every 4 years which will consist of the following:

- Laptop



- Docking Station
- Monitor
- Speakers

Campuses will be responsible for any ancillary items like HDMI cords, adapters, replacement of lost or broken devices.

### ***Administrative Devices***

The district will provide the following as a standard administrative package that will be upgraded every 4 years which will include the following:

- Laptop 2-in-1
- Docking station
- Monitor
- Speakers

### ***Computer Labs***

The district will begin replacing the computer labs at the campuses based on each cohort in the rotation. We will be moving to an All In One solution that will allow the student to badge in with their Clever login vs. losing instructional time typing their user names and passwords.

### ***Cohorts***

1. Waco HS, Tennyson MS, GWAMA, GWACHA, and \*\*Bells Hill (Connect Ed Campus)
2. Crestview Elementary, Dean Highland Elementary, Provident Heights Elementary, University HS.
3. Kendrick Elementary, Mountainview Elementary, South Waco Elementary, West Ave Elementary, Lake Air Mont., Brazos/Wiley
4. Cedar Ridge Elementary, Hillcrest PDS, Parkdale Elementary, Cesar Chavez MS.
5. Alta Vista Elementary, Brook Ave Elementary, JH Hines Elementary, Carver MS, Indian Springs MS.

## **End of the Year Procedures**

As we draw close to the end of the school year, we wanted to make sure you have the procedures and responsibilities necessary to collect and inventory all technology. This process is very similar to previous years. You will be receiving two documents that are to be utilized as a resource for these procedures.

- EOY Technology Equipment Checklist
- EOY Technology Procedures and Responsibilities

The EOY Checklist will outline the following:

- Campus leadership actions needed.
- Teacher actions needed.
- Technology actions needed.

The EOY Procedure will outline the following:

- Campus responsibilities for device pick up, storage, and repair work orders.
- Inventory of all technology on campus and where to log that information
- Technology responsibilities for completion of work order and preparatory for the beginning of the year.

These will be sent to you the week after Spring Break as they are individual to the campus. Please be on the look out for the email from me with those documents and procedures.

## 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](mailto:helpdesk@wacoisd.org)

### Waco ISD Helpdesk

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

## Cybersecurity Reminders!!!

The logo for Cyberstart America is displayed on a dark blue background. The word "cyberstart" is in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, and "America" is in a larger, blue, uppercase, sans-serif font.


## Cyberstart America

Are you interested in cybersecurity??? [Cyberstart America](#) has developed a free program and curriculum available to teachers for your students. Encourage your students to register to Cyberstart America and access an on-demand learning course that allows them to get hands-on experience with real-world cybersecurity tasks. No textbooks or lectures, just fun, online challenges that build towards highly respected academic outcomes and scholarship opportunities.




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