



# Eanes ISD Elementary Technology Guidelines

## VISION

Eanes ISD strives to create a safe, supportive digital learning environment that empowers students and educators through purposeful, standards-driven instructional practices, and thoughtful lesson design. Technology is used to enhance teaching, while providing balanced, engaging, and rigorous learning experiences that accommodate individual student needs.



## EXPECTATIONS

To support purposeful and effective technology use, educators and students are expected to follow these guidelines:

- Educators **design student-centered** learning experiences that integrate technology purposefully.
- iPads are **used only for instructional purposes**, not for rewards or free time.
- Educators **align practices with screen time recommendations**, ensuring balance across the day.
- Students engage with technology in ways that **build academic skills, social-emotional growth, and digital responsibility**.

## ACTIVE LEARNING SCREEN TIME

Unlike recreational screen time, active learning screen time in the classroom is guided by educators and designed to be purposeful and connected to learning. Staff and students use tools such as iPads and interactive boards to encourage creativity and problem-solving, access resources for research and inquiry, enhance collaboration and communication skills, extend and differentiate learning opportunities, and support progress monitoring and assessment. In our classrooms, active learning screen time takes many forms, but always with purpose and teacher guidance.

## SCREEN TIME RECOMMENDATIONS

These screen time recommendations help educators design intentional learning experiences that enhance the classroom environment and include access to technology tools, curriculum content, instructional resources and learning management systems.

Eanes ISD values and trusts teachers' professional expertise to determine when and how technology use most effectively supports learning, knowing that screen time will naturally vary across lessons and learning contexts. We recognize that students may exceed these recommendations during assessment windows, major projects, or unique learning experiences, and that there may be instructional days where technology is not utilized.

Grade Level	Screen Time Ranges
K-1	30-80 minutes
2nd-3rd	45-120 minutes
4th-5th	60-160 minutes

*\*Accessing Core Curriculum (English, Math, Science & Social Studies. Does not include Specials/Electives.*

Eanes ISD is committed to guiding students toward thoughtful technology use that supports their academic growth, well-being, and future success.