

K-5 Student Instructional Technology Use Policy

This guidance document is intended to support the district's adherence to North Polk Board Policy 605.04 Technology and Instructional Materials and Iowa House File 2676 (Student Instructional Technology Standards).

Technology Integration at North Polk

At North Polk Community School District, we recognize the significance of student technology experience, and acknowledge a need to prepare students to live, learn, and work in an increasingly complex and technological society. We are committed to making available to staff and students a wide range of digital learning resources, equipment, and software.

At North Polk, we use technology to support, and not supplant, foundational learning and to enhance instructional practices. We are committed to aligning technology usage with our educational objectives, school district mission and vision, and our Portrait of a Comet outcomes for students. North Polk's 1:1 Chromebook initiative (1 device to 1 student) in grades 1-12 supports our goals for all students to be:

- Communicators
- Creators
- Collaborators
- Connectors
- Contributors
- Critical Thinkers

K-5 Digital Instruction Limits

At North Polk elementary schools, student use of one-to-one digital devices for instruction in the core classroom will not exceed 60 minutes per day. In grades K-2, student device usage for digital instruction will on many days not exceed 30 minutes per day. Within their lesson plans, teachers will track the types of digital learning students engage in and the student technology learning they will support in their classrooms to ensure student use of one-to-one digital devices does not exceed 60 minutes per day.

Digital devices (1:1 student chromebooks) will not frequently be used during the related arts of music, band, art, counseling, or library. If these related arts teachers plan to include student use of 1:1 chromebooks, they must coordinate with core teachers in advance to ensure students' use of 1:1 digital devices does not exceed 60 minutes per day.

Digital devices (student 1:1 chromebooks) are prohibited during these times:

- Time designated for recess (outdoor or indoor) and physical activity or physical education.
- Intervention or extension time (Tier 3 / WIN time / ELP extension)
- Time used for school culture extensions (i.e. Comet Clubs)

These types of digital instruction are outside of the 60 minutes per school day limitations:

- Teacher-directed instruction using a display device, such as a Newline interactive touchscreen, projector, or document camera
- State assessments, screening, progress monitoring, and local diagnostic assessments that require one-to-one digital devices
- Student use of instructional technology or one-to-one digital devices within their technology related arts courses or dedicated computer science and technology curriculum.
- One-to-one device use required for meeting student needs pursuant to IEPs or 504s
- Assistive or adaptive technology used to provide student access to instruction or accommodate differing student abilities
- Incorporating a movie or show as part of a school special event (schools or teachers will communicate when such events occur)

Parents or guardians may request additional reductions in their K-5 child's digital instruction. Such requests shall be made in writing to the student's building principal to initiate the dialogue about reducing digital instruction.

This policy will be reviewed periodically and revised as necessary to ensure compliance with state law and to reflect best practices regarding the effective use of instructional technology that positively impacts student achievement, growth, and learning.