



Middle School Educational Technology

Bend - La Pine Schools



THE BIG PICTURE:

Technology can expand learning, creativity, and access to instruction. As middle school students gain independence, they need continued guidance to make thoughtful, responsible choices about when, why, and how they use technology.



TECHNOLOGY AS TOOL FOR LEARNING

iPads are learning tools, not toys. We prioritize engagement and innovation. Your child's teacher decides when, how, and why technology shows up in the classroom. It supports great teaching — it never replaces it. Student access to technology is managed through a platform called **Clever**. In addition, teachers monitor student iPads using a tool called **Jamf Teacher**.



iPADS STAY AT SCHOOL

Starting this school year, middle school students will not bring iPads home at the end of the school day. Upon arrival, students will pick up the iPad, take it with them to their classes, and then return it to the storage cart at the end of the school day. Homework assigned will not require access to digital tools.



SYSTEMS THAT REINFORCE FOCUS & SAFETY



Web Filtering: Blocks inappropriate content to support a safe environment. All applications meet Federal and State privacy laws. To learn more, visit our [Educational Technology Website on iPad safety](#).



Curated Tools: Instructional tools are evaluated to ensure they support effective teaching and learning. Access to YouTube is restricted to teacher approved content



Jamf Teacher: Jamf Teacher is a classroom management tool to manage student iPads, guide device use, and keep students focused on learning



AI in Middle School

Bend-La Pine teachers integrate generative AI with purpose and care—enhancing instruction, personalizing learning, and strengthening student thinking; AI supports learning. It never replaces it. Middle school syllabi include an AI statement explaining how, when, and if students may use generative AI. AI websites (like ChatGPT) are blocked unless they are part of a teacher-directed learning experience. Learn more at our [AI in Schools website](#).



SHARED RESPONSIBILITY & SKILL BUILDING

Schools, students, and families all play a role in responsible technology use. We encourage the support of balanced and mindful technology use and encourage time for offline activities and interests.

- Developing focus and self-regulation.
- Learning how to use technology as a tool.
- Instilling responsible digital citizenship.
- Helping students make choices and create habits that support positive relationships, well-being, health, and learning.



QUESTIONS? Your child's teacher and school are the best sources for information about day-to-day technology use. For more information about technology in school, visit the Educational Technology page at <https://www.blschools.org/teaching-and-learning/educational-technology>