



Elementary Educational Technology

Bend - La Pine Schools



THE BIG PICTURE:

In our elementary classrooms, kids learn through play, hands-on exploration, reading and writing, and real conversation with teachers and classmates. **Technology plays a supporting role**— helping teachers check understanding, offer practice, and open new ways to collaborate.



TECHNOLOGY HAS A PURPOSE

iPads are learning tools, **not toys**. We prioritize engagement and innovation. In grades K-2, students access a small number of applications that support adopted curriculum and assessment. In grades 3-5, we introduce research and tools to collaborate and share learning (e.g. Slides, Docs, etc). Students take district and state assessments on iPads.



TEACHERS ARE IN CONTROL

Your child's teacher decides when, how, and why technology shows up in the classroom. Technology supports great teaching, never replaces it. Student access to technology is managed through a platform called **Clever**, and students can only see and use tools provided by their teacher. Teachers monitor student iPads using a tool called **Apple Classroom**.



SAFETY IS BUILT IN



Child-Appropriate Apps & Websites: All school work is done on websites or apps developed for children. Teachers retain control of access to apps they do or do not want students to use when on their iPad.



Web Filtering: Blocks inappropriate content to support a safe and focused environment. Students are not able to search the open internet or google images. There is no Generative AI access in elementary.



Privacy & Safety: All tools comply with state and federal privacy and safety requirements, and no student information is shared with outside companies. For more information, visit our [Educational Technology Website on iPad safety](#).



WE'RE BUILDING HABITS FOR THE FUTURE

Schools, students, and families all play a role in responsible technology use. Using technology thoughtfully is a skill, practiced with balance, breaks, and purpose. Starting now, in elementary school, helps your child build habits that will serve them for years to come. We focus on helping children:

- Understand technology as a classroom resource to support learning.
- Be aware of the safety, health, and privacy concerns with technology.
- Develop focus and self-regulation.
- Be responsible digital citizens who are kind, safe, and respectful.



QUESTIONS? Start with your child's teacher or principal — they know your child's classroom best. To learn more on educational technology across our district, visit our website at: blschools.org/teaching-and-learning/educational-technology