

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE SCHOOL

To Understand Their Technology Policy

All Schools, All Grades:

- How often will students use a school provided screen (iPad, laptop) in the classroom?
- What is the policy for students accessing their personal devices in the classroom?
- Will the student be required to read a book from a screen?
- How often will students watch movies (educational/entertainment)?
- Will parents be informed if/when non-education movies are shown?
- What is the model for teaching digital literacy/citizenship?
- What type of internet filtering/monitoring is in place?

Elementary School

- Is it a requirement to use school-issued devices for assignments?
- How are school-issued devices monitored?
- If outside recess is restricted due to weather, how will children spend recess time?
- Do children have access to their phones immediately before or after school? At lunch?
- Are smart watches allowed? What precautions are taken so they are not a distraction?
- For what purposes will students use the internet? Will they ever have access unsupervised?
- What happens if a child plays games when they should be engaged with coursework? What is the discipline structure for violating such terms of use?
- What online educational games will students have access to or be required to use?

Middle School & High School

- What is the school policy regarding smartphone use in the classroom? Halls? Cafeteria?
- What is the disciplinary model for phone-related offenses?
- Under what circumstances will the school confiscate a student's phone?
- Is there a policy for taking pictures or videos inside the school?
- How are school-issued devices monitored?
- Are students required to turn in assignments online (via Google Classroom or similar), or can they turn in traditional paper copies?
- Will students be expected to access apps or specific websites from a personal device throughout class?
- If a student does not have a smartphone or their smartphone has parent-limited access, what alternatives exist for internet/app-required assignments?
- Are students allowed to use headphones/air pods in class?

