

Elementary

SPACE HERE FOR SCHOOL BRANDING

Definitions

Educational Technology (EdTech)

Tools and devices made to help people learn. These can be things like laptops, computer programs (such as _____ or _____), or other tools like robotics kits or virtual reality headsets.

Digital Literacy

Knowing how to use technology in thoughtful and careful ways for learning, creating, and communicating.

Digital Citizenship

Using the internet and online communities responsibly by being respectful and staying safe, both for yourself and others.

Screens in Our Classrooms

Teachers use EdTech to create activities that fit each student's needs, help students learn skills for future jobs, and give extra support to students who learn in different ways. Teachers have received training and guidance so they can use EdTech in creative and appropriate ways.

At _____ School, you may see our teachers use _____

_____.

***EdTech will be used as a supplement to
and not a replacement for high-quality teaching.***



Screens at Home

Studies show that a parent's screen use can affect their child. When parents use screens with balance, their children will, too!

A balanced approach at home can include:

- Setting clear rules for screen time (for example, only one TV show per night).
- Mixing screen time with fun, in-person activities for everyone in the family.
- Choosing screen activities that are engaging and meaningful (for example, instead of watching random online videos, a child could play an age-appropriate puzzle game).



School/Home Partnership

Your child's teacher is the expert on screen use in their classroom! Talk to them about how EdTech is used in your child's learning.

Work with your child's teacher!

Together, you can discuss your child's digital habits and set home AND school expectations for the year.

Thoughtful, balanced screen use looks different for everybody!

Digital Literacy

Today, it's more important than ever to teach kids **digital literacy**. As technology keeps changing, children need to learn how to use their devices carefully and with purpose. This prepares them for school AND for the future, where screens will always be part of daily life.

Screen time is not harmful if it is used in a ***balanced and thoughtful way***.

