



## Results of the Learning Technology Policy Framework Survey

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**Q: Has your school council heard about or seen a copy of the Learning and Technology Policy Framework (2013)?**

A. Yes - 52%

B. No - 48%

**Q: Is your school council familiar with any school or school district policies or administrative procedures related to the use of technology by students in your school?**

A. Yes - 76%

B. No - 24%

**Q: If yes, what discussions about those policies have taken place? (as submitted)**

We are given forms at the beginning of the year that outline tech use. We also have CASL and FOIP forms relating to tech use. We have also had parent information evenings regarding tech use and BYOD.

Parents & students sign the Acceptable Use of Technology Policy every year. No discussion around it but parents are aware of the policy.

Parents sign the technology use forms at the beginning of each year. Principal also stated that there are many discussions at the district level.

talks about appropriate posting on the web, tech uses in the classrooms, usage of social media

discussions about cyber bullying, ethics - cheating, security, safety in communications during lock down

When you register at the school you review the Division's Policy on Responsible Technology Uses.

The district Policies have very recently been reviewed. In addition each family who is registered in the district receives copies of district policy on technology and its use at the beginning of the school year.

Students will no longer be allowed to use or bring with them personal devices during class time.

We are aware that there are CBE policies, but no one had read them. A Digital Citizenship plan was just sent out last week by the Principal of our new school (it opened September this year). As a council we have not had time to discuss it.

We heard about digital citizenship but we had no idea it was related to the Technology Policy framework. An official, who attended our council meeting, indicated that the District's Policy on Technology was on their website. We think parents should be more educated about the existence of this document.

We sign a policy with our children over grade 4 at the start of the year.

The principal has updated school council on a regular basis on the use the technology in the school. This includes such things as students bringing personal devices, the need for school supplied devices and what they are used for, introduction to google docs used by the students, collaboration with tech coach to explore tools to support varied learning needs

Information Technology district policy

- there are concerns within our school community about protecting students
- a lot of students have devices; need to ensure students and families are aware of the risks involved with social media
- some feeling that LTPF does not emphasise digital citizenship enough (maybe somewhat outside the scope of what it's supposed to be?)

None

reviewed technology survey, school was rewired for CAT6, discussed wifi issues and what will be done to deal with them

Lots of discussions about age appropriate technology, District website has procedures and policies located therein, iPads being used in the classroom and rules regarding that, parent information sessions on safe use of technology, technology at home.

Cashless school

Technology use agreement. Discussions at School Council in regards to technology use.

**Q: Does your school/school district encourage students to Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) to work with in class?**

A. Yes - 38%

B. No - 62%

**Q: Are there specific subject areas that have a greater emphasis on the use of technology as a learning aid than other subject areas? Please indicate these subject areas: (as submitted)**

Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, French

We don't really know. Because our school has little or no homework, we as parents don't know when computers get used more. However, it is our understanding that digital resources are used in almost all subjects and are being used more and more every year.

No, the school technology is used across all subjects.

science, math, social

As appropriate for some classes, not allowed in other classes.

Regarding questions below, Dr. Tom Keenan gave a presentation to parents. Sponsored through school council.

The higher grades within the school (grade 4 and up )

In older grades

Humanities seems use technology heavily. We've been noticing more use in Math, as well.

elementary - SMART boards are used daily in the classroom for all subject areas. Along with iPads. The only area that technology is not really used in math.

Jr. High - Integrated in most subject areas but more common in the humanities courses. Besides calculators technology is not really used in math.

Some teachers will allow students to use their devices in class and will make sure those that do not have their own can use the schools.

Teachers will use apps that students can answer questions in class on their phone (quick quizzes); they use the results from these exercises to ensure students are understanding concepts throughout the unit.

Science, social and language arts.

Not a specific subject - technology usage is teacher-driven. Teachers use cell phones for online quizzes (kahoot) across all subjects

Language Arts - computers are used a lot here. Social Studies and Science for research, collaboration with technology, Math

**Q: Has your school council engaged in or had any presentations for parents related to Digital Citizenship?**

A. Yes - 33%

B. No - 67%

**Q: Has your school council engaged in or had any presentations for parents related to Cyberbullying?**

A. Yes - 33%

B. No - 67%

**Q: Does your school council participate in discussions regarding parent raised dollars for the purchase of technology or student devices for use in the school?**

A. Yes - 76%

B. No - 24%

**Q: Our school council is in:**

A. An elementary school 43%

B. A middle years/junior high school 23%

C. A high school 14%

D. A K-12 school 5%

E. Other:

K-8 school 5%

Our school is grade K-9 10%

**Q: Any other comments to share about technology? (as submitted)**

Our school has a coding club for grade 5 & 6 students that started this fall.

Re: Presentations on Digital Citizenship: There was an evening presentation for parents by Saffron called "What happens when you press send?" (There were also Saffron presentations for the grade 6 students). This presentation included information on cyberbullying. Parents asked if this presentation can be offered again. Funding may be an issue.

We recently became familiar with the initiatives Canada Learning Code, Teachers Learning Code and Ladies Learning Code and the possibilities that may exist.

We have computers and chrome books available to all students to sign out of the library and use. We have computer and chrome book carts that teachers can sign out per period for their classes.

There is enough technology available in the school for all students to use without the need for students to bring their own devices into class.

Our school council is a member of our community coalition. As a coalition we have had presentations related to drug abuse and cyber bullying.

1. We answered yes, to question 1. But we only learned about the policy framework after we received the survey.
2. Presentations about Digital Citizenship: We had a presentation on Safety Online Information session at our school about 5 years ago, before the document. We have not had any since. We plan to have one before the end of the school year.
3. Parents-Raised dollars for technology: Our council has not raised any funds specifically for technology.

The Alberta government needs to recognize that technology needs to become a line item in budgets beyond a bandaid. Funding has to be made available for technology.

Technology is a learning tool not a teacher.

Our school council has not had any presentations yet regarding digital citizenship and cyberbullying, however we are planning an evening in the near future for parents and students.

Needs to be more widely available in the schools so every student can benefit from it but it should not replace the teacher.

We will be doing a cyberbullying presentation coming up. There has been school wide discussions on appropriate use of texting and issues that have arisen.

We attempted to engage parents in Digital Citizenship - lack of response

School Resource Officer presents sessions to students on Cyberbullying