29 comments + 14 minutes ago Student tools Syed Najmuddin Asif commented in the group on Is there anyone here with experience using SIMS? If not, do you have experience with another 1 Like Flag ☆ Follow Comment More ▼ school information management system?: We are having 13 years of experience in serving school counties harian Cunningham, PgMP, PMP, CISSP, Matthew Hamra and 1 other like this to automate Complete School back office Administration, Academics, 29 comments • Jump to most recent comments Grades.... Like * Comment (21) * 1 hour ago Megan Veschio • Anything that can be used for multiple purposes is very helpful. When Graiden Vang started a discussion: evaluating what to spend your money on, be sure to look into how the tool can be used. Learn To Successfully Navigate Talk to your teachers and students and find out what they want, and be sure to ask them Today's Job Market http://alturl.com why they want those tools. Whatever you decide to purchase, be sure to leave some /ohg63 money/time for training teachers how to use the new tools provided to them. Follow Megan Like * Add comment * 1 hour ago 10 days ago . Like . Reply privately . Flag as inappropriate £ (f) See all updates » Tandra Ericson • Thanks Megan, Ads by LinkedIn Members I think I should revise my question as I do appreciate your answer, I was looking for more of specifics on preference of actual technology than process. In other words in your ISM, ISPS & MLC-2006 opinion what specific technology would you like to see in a specific classroom and why, Less is more! Short and effective Follow Tandra POCCEDNEMOTOR broken down by what you think is important for a teacher to have and what is important for management systems. a student to have. 9 days ago · Like OktoCareer The web-based software for recruiters. hr consultants and headhunters. Denise Murphy • Is this for one school or for a number of schools in a region? Is if for all ages (4-18) or just for 4-11 or 12-18? Do you have a centralised regional education Self-Service, Anywhere network infrastructure with good bandwidth to each school? Or are you talking about Password and smart-card PIN reset schools with individual LAN infrastructure? If you have a good centralised educational Office of the state of the s cloud envirionment an option would be to provide all schools with a managed laptop for Follow Denise each teacher in their school. A managed device for teachers would guarantee maximum availabilty for essential users and the provision to the school rather than the teacher emphasises that it is a device for professional usage rather than personal home use. Manager's Choice Further managed devices would be beneficial in key curriculum /assessment areas for Fact or fiction? students. You may find that you would get best value for money by maximising the wireless access rather than attempting to provide one-to-one devices for all 30,000 users. Rochelle Brown, MPA See all » This would faciliate bring your own devices (BYOD) option 9 days ago · Like ð 1 Top Influencers This Week Mathew Georghiou • It's difficult to make good recommendations without knowing the Dion Tilley (CTS) process, because tools support the educational process and methodology as Megan

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points out. And Denise makes a good point about how you can make your money go farther. But with that said, I would consider: (1) Tablets for sure. Tablets change everything. I think the 9" are better than the 7" for

school. Whether iOS or Android will depend on your tech team and budget. (iOS is easier to use, but the latest Android is finally starting to catch up with ease of use). (2) While tablets are great, they are clumsy to work with for certain tasks, like content

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creation (which tends to be more common at the middle and higher grades). That's where you need something closer to a computer - tablets with keyboards won't cut it. You may want to consider Chromebooks which are becoming quite popular. They are reportedly very easy to manage on a large scale, and they are very affordable - the most affordable

(3) Big screen TVs on mobile carts. You need this so that teachers can share their screens. Some people might suggest a projector (can work but not as convenient), or interactive whiteboards, but there is a debate about the value of whiteboards versus cost and maintenance.

tech device probably right now. If you do go with Chromebooks, you will still need some full computers (or notebooks) for more demanding content creation, but those can be set

(4) Software and Apps. Too many to choose from. If you do go with mobile devices and apps, I invite you to check out a new product that my company has recently launched that allows teachers to track student progress regardless

Carl Maegerman • Net Op School http://www.netop.com and Zoomit from Microsoft are a

Simon Williams . Looking worldwide, I would say something to write on and something

Carl Maegerman • I agree Simon, but for a informatics teacher like me the tools i

was one of the first pioneers in online learning, preceded only by persons with disabilities. In 1985 Kidsnet was created using Listserv mailing list. And students could communicate around the world. Chatback was a UK organization that allowed students to share about Christmas dinner in different areas and follow with daily reports an around the world race

by tall ships. A special ed teacher in 1990 rural Virginia brought her Apple computer and 1200 baud modem into her classroom and her special education students emailed around

A lot can be done with simple email. Add the web and you have all the tech you need.

of what apps they are using ... base subscription is free www.FETCHmeApp.com

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wonderfull tools for a teatcher like me :-)

aside for special use.

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Carl Maegerman • Don't forget a dataprojector ;-) (i like it better and it is cheaper than those smartboards. 8 days ago · Like

mentioned are really helpfull ;-) **1** 8 days ago · Like Follow Carl Bob Zenhausern • The minimum technology for the classroom is email. K-12 education

7 days ago · Like Shane Hogan • @Matthew - would you like to expand on your point that 'tablets with keyboards won't cut it'. Where budget is restricted, I feel that keyboards are essential, and I've come across the argument that bluetooth keyboards for tablets are the ideal mix of technologies. Do you have a different experience to share? Follow Shane 7 days ago • Like 1 (

the world. For the first time she heard them ask, "Is this spelled right?"

Christopher Christensen • We just went through what you are going through and here is what every classroom in the district has regardless of age group: Smart brand IWB with ultra short throw projector 2) AppleTV (we use iPads so this may not fit for your situation) Follow 3) Teacher Laptop Christopher

smartboards to interact with the doc.

when I want to be productive.

keyboard doesn't solve the limitations.

blindness can easily access these too.

learning after they leave school for the day.

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drawing, research, writing, notes, etc.

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UK. Details on request.

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Our K-5 rooms all have 3 netbooks and 2 iPads.

testing one and love it so far. 7 days ago • Like Mathew Georghiou • @Shane: I love tablets. But, they are also quite limited in certain

4) Document cameras are in every room left over from before the bond but are quickly

If you have the money take a long look at Chromebooks. This might solve the keyboard issue mentioned above. At \$200 (Acer) and \$250 per unit you can't beat the price. We are

becoming a relic. Teachers prefer scanning docs in and using the "SmartInk" feature of the

ways, particularly content creation. Adding a keyboard makes them more convenient for typing for sure, but it does not address their limitations, as it is just a keyboard. For example, simple copy and paste is really clumsy and slow. The lack of file management is a problem. Lack of Flash and Java support makes them unable to run many popular applications. Multitasking is slower. I have 3 tablets and have used them

widely since they were first introduced, and I always find myself jumping to my notebook

I think you can get away with only using tablets in younger grades, but it becomes more difficult to do so in higher grades where content creation is more important, and adding a

I hope that helps. 7 days ago • Like Dr. Denise M Robinson • To know what to do right now...look at the world and see what they are using .. 90% of businesses are using PC, so make sure the students know how to

use a PC. Tablets are the next up-coming great tool, but don't let them be the main tool. Doc cameras are great too. The huge plus off these, is children with different abilities, like

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Deborah Vasenda • * Minimum: Teacher computer with a LCD projector and a screen, * Interactive whiteboard * ISRS-Individual student response systems or for older students-cell phones for polling.

.* Doc camera for teacher computer * Be sure that there is a purpose for the purchases. Staff Development is extremely important if the district wants this equipment used by teacher. * It is all in the presentation: Technology is not something EXTRA a teacher has to add to her schedule; it make what she already does easier and more engaging. 6 days ago · Like (b) 1

Megan Veschio • Tablets are becoming increasingly popular and students would

Additionally, being able to take the device home each night allows them to continue

apps. Tablets are a great tool, but they become even better once equipped with a few helpful apps. It is also important to consider how you will transfer information to each device - having to sync each device individually will become a serious pain. Look into

Another consideration if going this route is to be sure to leave some money for purchasing

device management options that allow you to easily add resources to devices as a group

A big TV with AppleTV and an iPad is a nice too have and might sub for the projector in

For student use in intermediate through High School you should be planning for 1:1 but the program should drive the hardware, decide what digital resources are best for each program then choose the devices that can deliver those resources to students most

efficiently in your environment. Standardizing saves money but program should come first.

For 1:1 to work you need enterprise class wireless and a robust LAN/WAN infrastructure

Alan Portman • We have switched from projector/screen setup to large screen TVs in many of our classrooms. It does depend on the size of the room. For a 20-25 seat room, a 50" TV HDMI setup to a podium is about \$1,000 cheaper and provides fewer headaches

Think VERY, VERY, carefully about software titles beyond MS Office/LibreOffice. Look at

Carl Maegerman • I agree Alan. In Belgium too, we are all MS addicts. It's a pitty that the people aren't more open to opensource, although i find MS Office a really good suite

Mathew Georghiou • I think that despite the mass adoption and comfort with MS Office,

Chris Ogilvie-Taylor F IDM • A CleverBoard! Half the price of Smart boards, 25 years warranty, uses ink markers as well as digital and shipped worldwide from our factory in the

Alan Portman • Mathew Georghiou makes an excellent point. I have been in "Ed/IT" for almost 20 years. I am really dissapointed in the level of training I see on using an Office suite. I routinely see documents where a combination of tabs and spaces are being used

Linda Glassop • Cloud-based software is making tablets much more viable. For example, I am about to launch a new writing app specifically designed for students (ComWriter); it

to center things. Where changing the font is about as far as formatting gets. And of

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definitely be excited to receive one. If going this route, I strongly encourage you to look into 1:1 instead of investing in a few classroom sets to be shared by all. When students are able to take ownership of the device, they are more careful with it and their work shows a higher pride of ownership than if they are simply using a classroom set.

6 days ago · Like 1 (Dan Exelby • Teacher tools: Digital Projector Teacher computer Document camera Sound field system Follow Dan Some sort of annotation tool either a remote tablet with software or IWB software

as well as remove the resource once it is no longer needed on the device.

6 days ago · Like Deborah Vasenda • A self insurance program for the school for laptops or tablets is a good idea. If parents know that the student is responsible for a school assigned piece of equipment, the district can have a \$50-\$75 insurance for the parents to pay on the device. If you are insuring a few hundred, then the few that are damaged can be replaced. Those who do not take the insurance option will have to pay full replacement value.

the educational impact for what your are buying. While GoogleDocs and LibreOffice offer significant cost savings, I would still teach MS Office in high school to improve the hire-ablity of your graduates. Finally, and it really should be first, dedicate money for training, support and upgrades. Ideally this should be 30% of total spending. 5 days ago · Like **1**

most people probably only use a dozen features in each of the applications. There could be a big gain in productivity if we each learned perhaps 5 or 10 more. For example, I bet most people don't ever use the FORMAT PAINTER, yet it is one of the biggest time savers. On the positive side, using so few features makes it very easy to switch to a different suite, like the new online offerings (although I still find the Google Docs word processor

really clumsy with formatting, but getting better).

Carl Maegerman • Nice for small classes (see visibility). I work with older people as students and in classes with 20+ students its better to project bigger. So the students at the last row can see what your doing. Dataprojectors are also

Follow Alan 4 days ago · Like 1 Elizabeth Irwin Harrison • I agree with Alan. When we tried to implement IT standards across the school that had specific objectives eg. By the end of gr 7, students should be able to use formulae in excel, we eventually discovered that most of the gr 7 teaching staff were unable to do these things, but were reluctant to admit it.

course, whatever MS grammar checker says; goes.

has the library online, students can collaborate, very modern features for writing to academic standards, and formatting made real easy with pre-defined style guides, in-built referencing and teachers can create templates (projects and sections) to help students Follow Linda improve their writing. You can sign up for the beta at www.comwriter.com and there is a youtube video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-2dBpBmrh0 4 days ago • Like

> Pragya Saxena • A quick digital tool for quick online test and immediate feedback, Teacher can inform parents about each and every detail of students ,Digital aid to give

> Troy N. • There are some great points made in this discussion. We are here to get our

to everything. The iPad can be used as a recorder, video and still camera, document camera, airplay for anything the interactive whiteboard could do, music composition,

more clarity on the topic students can compare there performance for competitive

students prepared for the future. We need to make sure they are using the tools and devices that the corporate world will be providing. How many businesses are using Chromebooks? How many businesses use MS Office? Nothing replaces a great Teacher. We need to focus on them by providing tools and data to make their job easier. Follow Troy 3 days ago • Like ð) 1 Gabrielle Richard-Harrington • laptop, iPad, Apple TV, & LCD. The laptop has access

Bogdan Pospielovsky • Don't forget about UDL. So once you get down to implementing software and hardware consider your tools carefully because there are students who will succeed in your classroom regardless of what tools they use (slates, wax tablets) and then there are those who really benefit from going with technology. But only if the technology supports teaching. Follow Bogdan Check out this UDL project in British Columbia public schools using SOLO for teaching literacy in middle school with laptops. There's about a dozen schools and most of them are blogging their experiences. http://setbcsolo6.setbc.org/blogs/ For the senior grades you can worry about teaching the tool (MS word, photoshop etc.)

life long term. 15 minutes ago · Like Add a comment... Send me an email for each new comment. Add Comment

but the fact is the tools will change by the time the students leave school. If you can teach kids to read-to-learn, write, present that will make the single biggest effect on their

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