

SAU #13 - Freedom, Madison & Tamworth Schools
Frequently Asked Questions About Our Digital Learning Instruction
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1) What is the purpose of the Digital Learning Instruction?

The purpose is to provide all of our students and teachers with digital technology to be used in daily instruction.

2) What is the goal of the Digital Learning Instruction?

The goal is to teach our students to use advanced 21st Century technology skills in order to be well prepared middle-high school students, college and career ready, and productive employees in a competitive global economy.

3) What technology is used?

The technology is specifically designed for schools. Teachers will use “CLOUD” computing to store, organize, access, and present digital curriculum, lessons, and instructional materials to their students.

All students will be assigned a digital device to use during various instructional times at school and when at home as determined by their teachers. Students will be trained in the use and care of digital devices.

Students will access digital education information approved by the school administration.

4) What safeguards are in place to protect students from accessing inappropriate materials?

The technology used complies with the federal law known as the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA). The schools have web filters built into their networks. This is designed to protect students from accessing inappropriate content. However, due to the rapidly changing nature of technology we cannot absolutely prevent student access to inappropriate sites. For further information about this topic please contact the school’s principal and refer to the Acceptable Use Agreement found on the School’s web site.

5) Why are some students taking a digital device home?

Like textbooks, a digital device is an investment approved by the school board for the educational benefit of our students. Students should be able to access this investment at school and home. Expectations have been established by grade level for digital device use at home to support instruction.

6) What if a student accidentally breaks or loses a digital device?

In the event that the digital device is damaged or lost, it will be addressed in the same manner as the school does for damaged or lost textbooks. If stolen, a thief cannot use the digital device because it will be disabled by the school administration. Principals should be notified as soon as possible.

7) How will parents/guardians be involved in the Digital Learning Instruction?

The parent/guardian is encouraged to access and monitor their child’s digital citizenship and schoolwork both in the cloud and digital device when at home. The parent/guardian is encouraged to contact their child’s teachers to find ways to engage in their child’s learning.

For more information please contact the school principal.