



## Grades 6-12 Individual Survey

Dear Student:

This survey is about your use of technology. We are interested in learning more about how you use technology to help with your schoolwork and how you use technology in your free time for fun. We are also interested in your views on how schools should use technology. Technology means different things to different people. For this survey, the term "technology" means all kinds of electronic devices, not just computers and the Internet.

All of your answers are 100% confidential. That is why we have not asked your name anywhere on this survey. We encourage you to share your ideas about technology with your teachers and family members.

Please remember that you cannot save your work and complete the survey later. If you run out of time, it's ok. Just submit all the answers you completed.

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### 1 What is your current grade in school?

- Grade 6       Grade 7       Grade 8       Grade 9  
 Grade 10       Grade 11       Grade 12

### 2 Are you . . .

- Female       Male

### 3 In a typical week, which of these technology products do you use, either in school or in your free time? (check all that apply)

- Desktop computer       Laptop computer       Cell Phone  
 PDA       Digital camera       Digital camcorder  
 Scanner       CD Burner       MP3 player

### 4 In a typical week, which of these Internet tools do you use, either in school or in your free time? (check all that apply)

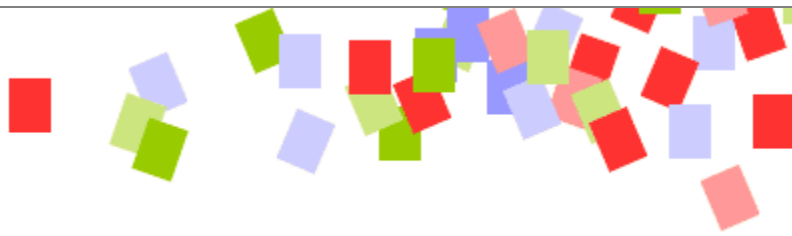
- Email       Internet Search Engine       Personal site (i.e. My Yahoo)  
 IM       Message Boards       Chat Rooms  
 Web Logs       Specific Internet Websites that you already have bookmarked

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**Thinking about the other students at your school, do you consider yourself**

- An advanced tech user – more expert than most of the students at your school
- An average tech user – the same as most of the students at your school
- A beginner – below the skills of most of the students at your school

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**How do you usually learn about using technology?**

- I had a class in school
- I went to a class at a community center or after school club
- My parents taught me about using the computer and the Internet
- My friends taught me how to use technology
- I learned on my own

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**How many email accounts do you have?**

- 0
- 1 - 3
- 4 - 6
- 7 - 10
- 10+

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**How many IM screen names do you have?**

- 0
- 1 - 3
- 4 - 6
- 7 - 10
- 10+

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**Do you use technology to help you with your schoolwork?**

- Yes
- No

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**When you are using technology to help with your schoolwork, where are you most likely to be?**

- at home
- at my school
- at the public library
- at a community center or afterschool club
- at the mall
- at a friend's house

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**When you are at your school, where at school do you use technology most often?**

- in a classroom
- in a computer lab
- in the school library
- in the lunch room
- in the college planning or guidance office
- I do not regularly use technology at my school

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**Do you ever do the following using the Internet? (check all that apply)**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write a report using information from the Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Get help from an online tutor                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a test online                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to websites that have been set up for my school or class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create a web page for a school project             | <input type="checkbox"/> Use IM to talk to a classmate about a class project         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute to a web log                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Email a teacher   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check on a class grade                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Use an online textbook                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a class online                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a movie  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Download a study guide                             |  |

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**In which three subject areas do you think technology is being used most effectively at your school?**

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies/History
- Foreign Language
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Yearbook or Newspaper
- Career or Job Training

**14** What, if any, obstacles do you face in using technology at your school?  
(check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough computers                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers are not in a convenient location to use                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers don't work regularly                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdated software  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slow access time to get on the Internet             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time in the school day to use computers or access the Internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited teacher knowledge and skill                 | <input type="checkbox"/> School filters and firewalls   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know how to use the technology at my school | <input type="checkbox"/> No obstacles or none of the above                                      |

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**Imagine that you are part of a student committee at your school that will make recommendations on how your school should spend its technology budget. What do you think your school should spend more money on?**

- More computers and other computer related equipment (e.g., printers, scanners or digital cameras)
- Better software for students to use for schoolwork
- Hire people to make sure computers work all the time
- Send teachers to training classes about how to use technology

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**If you had to write a report or essay today about a topic that you knew little or nothing about, what would you do first?**

- Go to the school library to find a book
- Look in your textbooks for information
- Ask your teacher for help and advice
- Ask a family member for help and advice
- Ask a tutor or after school club leader
- Ask a friend for help
- Go to a website that you already know and see if it has any information on your topic
- Do an Internet search using the topic as a key word
- Post a question on a message board or chat room about the topic

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**You are having trouble with a homework assignment and it is due tomorrow. What are you most likely to do first?**

- Call a friend
- Ask a family member for help
- Ask the teacher for help the next day
- Ask a tutor or after school club leader
- Email a classmate to get help
- Email your teacher
- Visit a homework helper online site or online tutor for help
- Go online and see who from your IM buddy list is online that could help you right away

**18** If you could change one thing about how technology is being used at your school today, what would that one thing be?

- Have newer, better computers for student use
- Have online classes for subjects that are not taught at my school
- Have teachers use email to communicate with students more frequently
- Have a more accurate, up to date school website
- Use online textbooks
- Allow students to use IM and email at school

**19** How do you find out about new technology and Internet sites? (check all that apply)

- Friends
- Family members
- News stories
- Exploring on my own
- Teacher Recommendations
- After school or community club
- Television on radio ads

**20** Which statement best describes how you feel about your school's use of an Internet filter or firewall to block certain websites and Internet activities?

- Filters are good because they protect us from bad websites and marketing ads.
- Filters are only for the unmotivated – I can easily get around most filtering software to get to the websites I need.
- Filters are obstacles – they prevent me from finding the information that I need for my schoolwork.
- My school does not have an Internet filter or firewall.

**21** Does your school use students to help fix the computers and keep them running?

- Yes
- No

**22** Which statement best describes how you feel about students fixing computers at your school?

- Student techs are good – they are learning valuable skills and the computers are up more often now.
- The school should hire adult techs – students should not have to do this work at school.
- The teachers should know more about computers – the teachers should do their own tech support.
- None of the above.

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**How important do you think having access to technology is to your education?**

Very important    Important    Not very important

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**24 Outside of school time, where do you usually access the Internet?**

- At home
- At school
- At the public library
- At a community center or afterschool club
- At the mall
- At a friend's house
- I don't have any access to the Internet outside of school

**25 In your free time, what is your #1 use of technology?**

- Talking/emailing with friends or family members
- Playing games
- Listening and downloading music
- Getting information about places to go and things to do
- I only use technology for my schoolwork.
- I don't have any access to the Internet outside of school

**26 Have you ever done any of the following things online? (check all that apply)**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bought movie tickets                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Got directions                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Checked a sports team schedule            | <input type="checkbox"/> Played online games              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downloaded music or a movie               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sent out invitations for a party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visited a museum online                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Visited a college website        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learned about a community service project | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                |

**27 Do you know more friends' IM screen names than their home phone numbers?**

- Yes       No

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**How often do you communicate by email or through IM with friends who live outside of your local area [another city, state or country]?**

- Every day
- About twice a week
- About twice a month
- Rarely
- Never
- I don't have friends who live outside of my local area
- I don't have email access

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**Which of these statements best describes your feeling about using technology?**

- I avoid using technology as much as possible.
- I use technology a lot but it's just a tool for me, not a hobby.
- I enjoy working with technology and learning new ways for me to use it.
- I often help my friends with their technology problems and I like showing them how to use technology in different ways.

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**Imagine that you no longer had access to the Internet anywhere. What would be the impact on your schoolwork?**

- No big deal. I am not that dependent upon the Internet for my schoolwork so losing it would not have a big impact on me.
- Big impact. I would not be able to go online to get up to date information about things such as world events and science discoveries and that would hurt my schoolwork.
- Some impact. I could still do all of my schoolwork but it would take much longer to complete everything and my information would probably not be as accurate.

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**Imagine once again that you no longer had access to the Internet anywhere. What would be the impact on your personal life?**

- No big deal. I am not that dependent upon the Internet for my schoolwork so losing it would not have a big impact on me.
- Big impact. I use the Internet to keep up with my friends, to plan my social life, to listen to music and to learn about the world.
- Some impact. It would definitely make it more difficult and time-consuming for me to keep up with my friends and plan my social life.

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**If you were designing a new school for students just like you, which of these would be most important? (select only three)**

- Fast, wireless Internet access throughout the school
- A new computer for every teacher
- Digital cameras and video equipment that could be borrowed by any student
- Computer labs that stay open after school and on weekends
- Access to school computers and the school network from home
- Free email accounts for every student
- New computers throughout the school so students can go online whenever they want

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**If you went to a school that had lots of technology available to everyone, what do you think would be the top 3 benefits?**

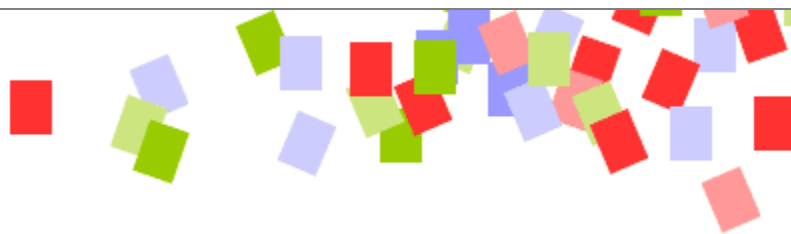
- Students would learn more.
- Students would get along better.
- Students would get higher grades in class and on tests.
- Student projects would be better.
- Group projects would be easier to do.
- School publications would be better.
- Teachers could communicate with students better.
- Teachers could communicate with other teachers better.
- Family members, parents would be more involved with my schoolwork & school.
- School would be more fun.

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**Let's imagine that you have a good idea on how technology could be used better at your school to help students, who would you go to first with that idea?**

- A teacher
- The principal or assistant principal
- The technology coordinator
- The librarian
- A friend
- A family member
- A sports coach
- An after school or community club leader
- None of the above
- I don't think I would share my idea with anyone.

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**Well, here is your chance to share that good idea. Think about your own use of technology and your classes in school. Can you think of a way that your teachers or your school could use technology better? If so, please share one of your recommendations with us in 100 words or less.**

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**What are three things you plan to do to get more involved with decisions about technology at your school? Please limit your answer to 500 characters or less.**

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