

Specialists Syllabus

2023-2024

Library/Technology

Philosophy: The goal of the technology curriculum is to help students see technology as an essential component in compiling, organizing, analyzing, and presenting information. Classroom teachers often collaborate with Mrs. Holck to ensure that technology instruction has a direct connection to the core curriculum. This approach to technology allows students to become active, rather than passive, participants. Through online learning resources and research, and multimedia presentations, students are able to take part in an information exchange process that is more powerful and meaningful than the traditional classroom delivery of information.

Curriculum: Evergreen Academy's technology standards follow the framework outlined by the National Education Technology Standards (NETS). These are published by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). We also follow the Washington State Educational Technology Learning Standards.

The students bring their assigned iPads with them to technology class each week and they also use the MacAir laptops in the Library during technology class depending on the lesson objectives.

Apps and websites used during class include Pages, Keynote, Numbers, GarageBand, iMovie, Safari, Google Chrome, Sketches, code.org, and Typing Club (and more!).

Expectations: Students will learn to see technology as an essential component in compiling, organizing, analyzing, and presenting information. I will work in partnership with the classroom teachers to ensure that technology instruction has a direct connection with the core curriculum. Students are expected to become active participants in the learning experience rather than passive participants, watching and listening from their seats.

Students must always bring their charged iPad each week in addition to anything else they may need which will be communicated with the classroom teacher prior to

class. All students must adhere to the rules set forth in the iPad handbook, the student pledge for iPad use, and the parent/student agreement.

No homework will be assigned in technology class though students are more than welcome to practice skills at home if they wish (ex. Keyboarding, coding).

Grading: Evergreen Academy uses standards-based grading in all classes and all grades. Technology grades are based on:

Skills = Includes basic skills, demonstration of higher applied knowledge, written/typed assessments and self-assessments, and presentations to the class.

Participation = Includes effort, digital citizenship, active participation in classroom discussions, and working in a timely manner.

Classroom Management:

Classroom expectations for appropriate behavior are set at the beginning of the year:

- Students must be attentive and participate in their learning
- All students need to be kind and respectful to others in this class
- Students must use technology appropriately

Communication:

A monthly Library & Technology Class Newsletter (usually the last Friday of the month) will be sent directly to families via email. The newsletter will have updates on what each grade level has done in the current month, what we will be doing in the month to come, and some photos of what we're working on.

Any serious concerns I have about a student will be addressed through email or a phone call.

Parents may email me any time with concerns or questions (for library or technology). Due to my schedule, it may take 24 hours to get a response.

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