



DURAND AREA SCHOOLS

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The Technology Department, like everyone else, had a busy summer that flowed right into the start of school. In July, we began upgrading our classroom teacher desktops from Windows 10 to Windows 11. Additionally, we welcomed a WIOA student, Rory A, to help with our summer projects. You can find Rory on page 3 of the attached "Learn and Earn Summer 2025" document. In August, we finished up the classroom teacher desktop upgrades just in time to prepare for the student Chromebook distribution. We implemented the district Lockdown button on our phones, which we used during the Allied Defense safety training. September was marked by district-wide staff and student support, as well as ongoing efforts to collect technology agreements. We always have plenty to do maintaining our environment, but October doesn't seem as hectic. At this time, we have issued 1,092 Chromebooks to students in Grades 1–12. And 68 iPads for kindergarten students. This year, 241 students are participating in our accidental damage protection.

In March, you approved the E-Rate purchases for Switches and UPS units. We had to lower the number of units purchased because the SRES D used some funds for our Firewall Maintenance. Last week, I began the process of ordering our approved switches and UPS units. I'll keep you updated as this project progresses.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Scott
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Technology Director