

Technology Update

A look into this year's projects and moving forward

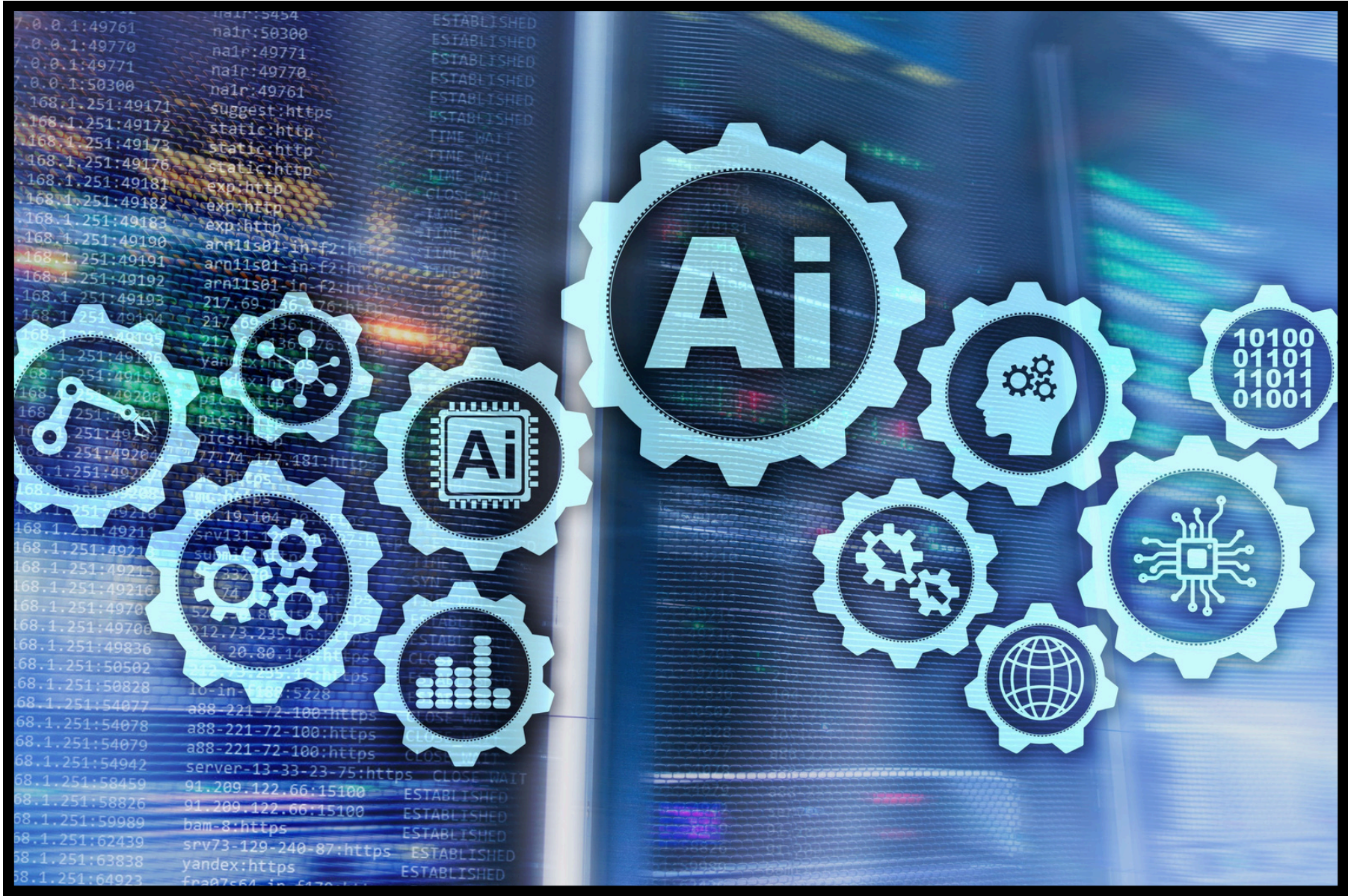


Agenda



Key Projected work for the year

1. AI at Riverside 96
 - a. Guidance/logistics
 - b. Policy
 - c. Professional Development
2. Digital Citizenship
3. Student devices roadmap for 2026-2027 school year
4. Change over to Gmail for staff



AI use at Riverside

Board Policy 6:235

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1. Develop a District-wide AI Plan that addresses the District's approach to the integration of AI;
2. Based on the District-wide AI Plan, establish AI Responsible Use Guidelines to address the responsible use of AI in the District by students and staff;
3. Ensure that AI-enabled tools comply with State and federal law;
4. Ensure that staff receive training and students receive instruction on the use of AI, as appropriate;
5. Review the District's AI Plan and AI Responsible Use Guidelines on an annual basis and update them as needed.

Guidelines/Acceptable Use:

- Responsible use guidelines and acceptable use policy for District 96 is being reviewed for implementation.
- Guidelines are based off of surrounding districts who have already implemented AI, as well as Illinois State Board of Educations guidance coming in July 2026.
- Guidelines will incorporate training opportunities for staff and students

AI Committee:

- A committee is being created that consists of teachers and administrators to review guidelines and help to create an implementation plan



Introduction / Public Statement

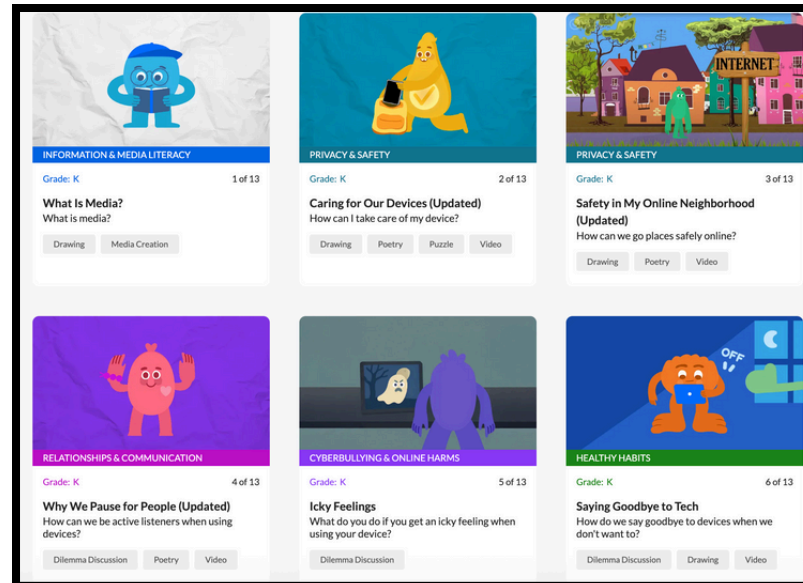
Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) is an emerging tool with the potential to transform teaching and learning. In Riverside School District 96, we support the responsible and innovative use of AI to enhance educational opportunities for all students. When used thoughtfully, AI can help educators streamline lesson planning, design personalized learning experiences, and support improved student outcomes. From developing engaging instructional materials and assessments to analyzing data and providing timely feedback, AI offers many valuable applications. At the same time, it is important to remember that AI is a resource to assist—not replace—the creativity, expertise, and critical thinking of our educators. By embracing AI responsibly, we can equip both teachers and students with powerful tools to expand learning and achieve new levels of success.



Digital Citizenship

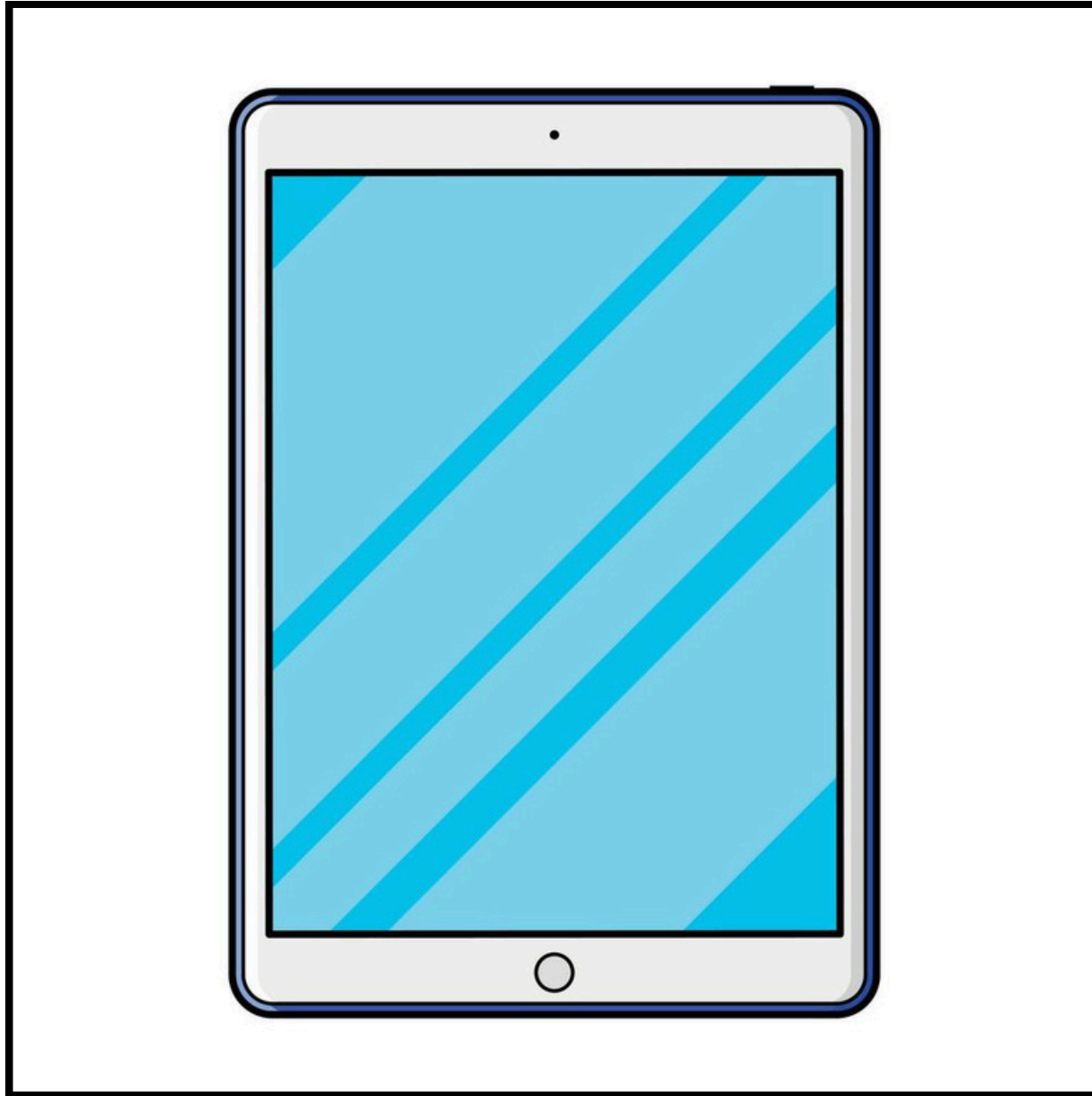
Guidelines

- Work to build out digital citizenship as an embedded piece of curriculum for students
- Utilizing resources such as commonsense education to create targeted lessons



Current Practices

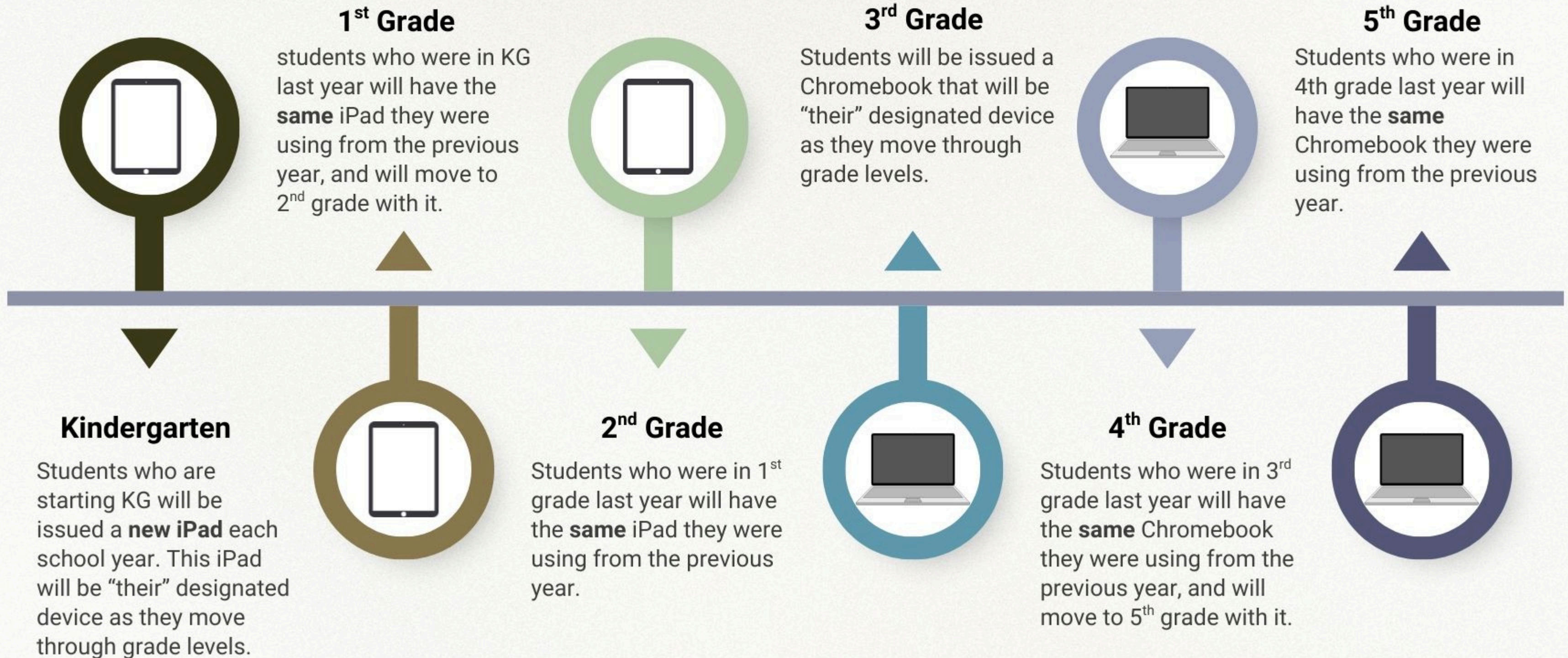
- Classroom teachers review effective practices and safe use of devices with students in their classrooms before handing them out each year.
 - Highlights responsibility, respect of devices, safety and use, and how to access classroom resources for the year
 - These practices are collected from resources we have such as Securly, Dell, and Commonsense Media



Student device roadmap for **2026-2027** school year

STUDENT DEVICE MOVEMENT

Elementary School

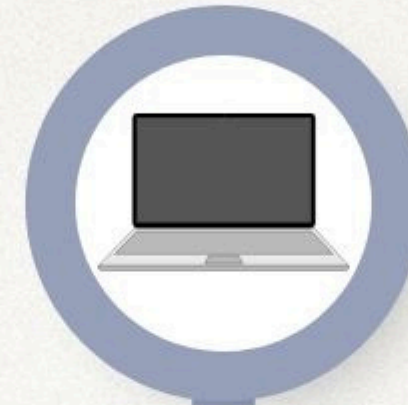
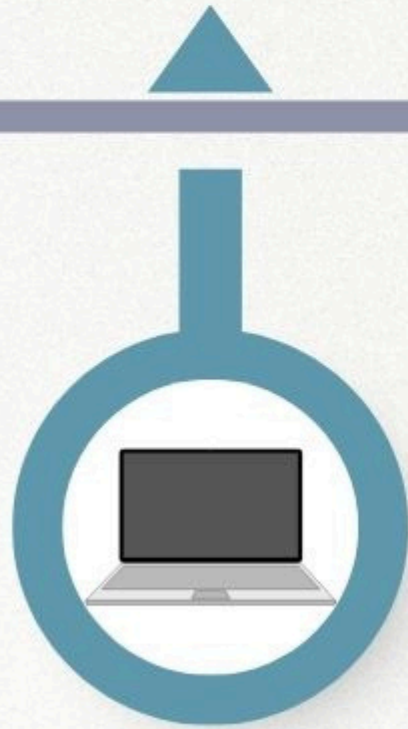


STUDENT DEVICE MOVEMENT

Junior High School

6th Grade

Students who are starting 6th grade will be issued a **new** Chromebook each school year. This Chromebook will be “their” designated device as they move through grade levels.



7th Grade

Students who were in 6th grade last year will have the **same** Chromebook they were using from the previous year.

8th Grade

Students who were in 7th grade last year will have the **same** Chromebook they were using from the previous year.

At the end of the year, they will turn the device in and that device will cycle down to 3rd graders for the new year



Benefits of this student roadmap

“Technology gives the quietest student a voice.”
– Jerry Blumengarten

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Student Empowerment

- Students will have the content they have created in their classes stored on their device, and can continue to create and build off what they have made.
 - This applies to native device apps, such as camera, video, notes, and others.
- Ownership of their device, the care of their device, and responsibility of their device.

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Creativity & growth for students and their teachers

- Students can make and save their work on their district issued devices and not have to start fresh in a new school year on a new device.
- Students will be logged into their district accounts and will not have to reset every year.
- Teachers can spend time with their students and engaging them with their devices, rather than spending time getting students familiarized with their devices

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Efficient & sustainable use of district funds

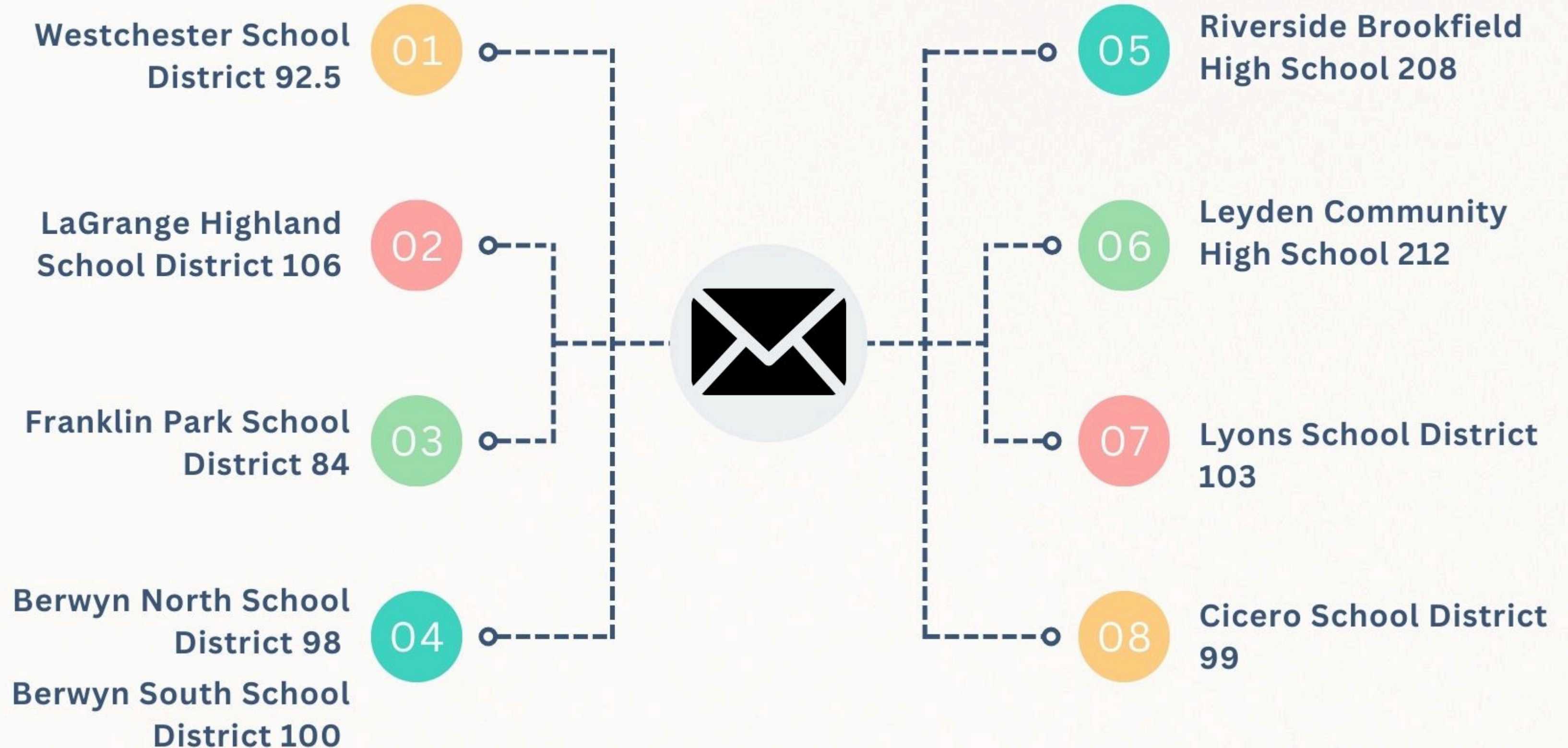
- Creates a cycle of device replacements that is consistent each school year.
- Utilizes the lifecycle of devices while also ensuring security of devices.



**Potentially Changing staff email
provider over to Gmail**

Districts using full Google Suite

West 40 Group



Seamless integration with classroom tools

- Single Sign On to Google with curricular platforms in the classroom are already being utilized.
- Student creations and collaborations are created in Google programs.
- Access to email for staff members will be in one centralized location, instead of having to navigate to different websites and resources throughout the day to access what they need.

Security and compliance

- Google Workspace for Education adheres to all state and federal laws when it comes to student and users data and privacy.
 - “The platform adheres to regulations such as FERPA and COPPA, safeguarding student privacy and governing the collection and storage of personal data” (Google)
- Built in, secure 24/7 monitoring of emails for phishing attempts or malware.
- Data Privacy Agreement in place with Google: safeguards accounts and provides protection, end-end encryption and liability/accountability in the event of any issues.
- All user data is managed and owned by the district, not Google.
 - This is associated to the Data Privacy Agreement that is in place with Google for education.

Cost effective

- Currently pay for and utilize Google Workspace for Education
 - Use of the Google Education suite with educators and students for classes.
 - Docs, Drive, Sheets, Slides
- Email monitoring and threat protection included
 - Multiple companies are not needed to monitor the gmail environment
 - Already utilizing threat detection in Google Docs, Drive, Sheets, Slides

Benefits

“Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is most important.” – Bill Gates

Thank you!

Questions?