

INTENTIONAL AND PURPOSEFUL USE OF CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY

Supporting intentional and purposeful technology use and the digital wellbeing of
HCPS students

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Quality of use matters more than total screen time



District-managed devices

HCPS provides students with devices to support teaching and learning.



AAP guidance

Screens should not displace healthy routines such as sleep and physical activity.



Settings reviewed

Device settings and practices were reviewed to ensure purposeful instructional use.

Elementary Limitations

IMMEDIATE

YouTube disabled

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Google Search restricted

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Teacher directed use only, for a clear instructional purpose

ONGOING PILOT

Devices not accessible 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM

Middle School Limitations

IMMEDIATE

Clear instructional purpose only; no device access unless teacher directed

FIRST QUARTER

Explore instructional use of YouTube with curriculum supervisors and teachers

ONGOING PILOT

Devices not accessible 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM

Intentional and Purposeful Use of Technology



The restrictions are paired with a professional development session that supports teachers in making decisions about classroom technology.