



Speak Up 2009

Grades 3-5

Dear Student,

We would like to learn about how you are using computers and the Internet for your schoolwork and in your free time outside of school.

Your ideas are important to us! The ideas of students just like you are used each year to improve schools all around the country.

All of your answers are kept secret. No one will ask your name on this survey. No one will know your answers.

The word “technology” means different things to people. For this survey, technology means all kinds of electronic devices such as computers, interactive white boards, cell phone and MP3 players, as well as Internet tools and software. If you come across words that you do not know, don’t worry about it. Just go on to the next question.

Thank you for sharing your ideas with us through this Speak Up survey! And don’t forget to share your good ideas with your teachers and parents as well.

Have fun with the survey.

Your Speak Up Team @ Project Tomorrow

**Questions/
Reponses**

1 What grade are you in?

Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 5

2 Are you a...

Girl
Boy

3 Thinking about the other students in your class, do you...

Know more than other students about technology
Know about the same as other students about technology
Know less than other students about technology

4 Which of these items are available for you to use? (Check all that apply)

Cell phone (without Internet access)
Smart Cell Phone (with Internet access like an iPhone or Blackberry)
Digital Reader (such as: Kindle, Sony Digital)
Desktop computer
Laptop computer or Tablet PC
MP3 player or iPod
Video game player like Xbox, Nintendo or Wii
Hand-held game like Nintendo DS or GameBoy
Other

5 At home, do you have a computer?

Yes, but it does not have the Internet.
Yes, and it has slow internet (dial-up)
Yes, and it has fast internet (such as: DSL, cable, Broadband)
No, I only use the Internet at the library or my afterschool program
No, I only use the computer or the Internet at school

6 How often do you use the computers at your school?

Every day
A couple of days a week
A couple of days a month
Never

I don't know

7 How do you use computers for schoolwork? (Check all that apply)

- Check on my grades
- Complete assignments
- Create a Powerpoint or video
- Do online experiments for science
- Email, IM or text message my teacher
- Email, IM or text message other students
- Get help from an online tutor
- Listen to a podcast for class
- Play educational games
- Post to blogs or wikis (like a journal)
- Practice my writing
- Practice math problems
- Take a class online
- Take tests online
- Upload assignments to school portal
- Use online textbooks
- Use the Internet for research
- Work on projects with students in other countries
- None of the above

8 What keeps you from using technology at your school? (Check all that apply)

- Computers are not always available or easy to get to
- I am unable to access the Internet
- I cannot access my personal email account
- I cannot email or IM to classmates
- I cannot use my own laptop
- I cannot use my own cell phone, smart phone or MP3 player
- I do not know how to use them
- Internet is not fast enough
- My teachers do not know how to use them
- My school blocks websites I need
- Software is not good enough
- None of the above
- Other

9 How do you use Internet tools outside of school?

Download or listen to music
Play in 3D virtual worlds like Webkinz, Club Penguin or Whyville
Play video or online games
Send E-mails or Instant Messages
Update my profile on websites like Webkinz, Club Penguin, or Whyville
Talk to others through the Internet
Do Internet research on things that interest me
Watch videos
Write for a blog (like a journal, etc.)
Do art projects
Go to websites for TV shows or sports
Share photos
Create a list of websites I want to share with others
I don't use the Internet outside of school
None of the above

10 What is the best way for you to learn about being safe on the Internet?

Learn on my own just by using technology
Learn through a special class at my school
Take a class after school or through my clubs (YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, Scouts)
Listen to podcasts or watch videos
Use technology as part of my regular classes
Take an online class
From my parents
From my friends
From my teacher
Other

11 What device or format do you most often use when playing video or online games? (Check all that apply)

Cell phone based games
Computer software
Console video player based games
Handheld game
Web-based multiple player games
Web-based single player games
Multi-user virtual reality games
Augmented reality simulation games
I don't use any of these
Other

12 How could playing games like these at school help you with learning? (Check all that apply)

- I would learn more about the subject
- I would be more engaged in the subject
- I would learn how to work in teams
- Games make it easier to understand difficult concepts
- I can see the direct results of my problem solving efforts
- It would be more interesting to practice problems
- I would be directing my own learning
- I would go beyond the basic assignment and try new things through the game
- I would get immediate feedback on how much I had learned
- I would be better able to connect the real world to the subject matter
- None of the above

13 Besides winning, what do you like most about playing video or online games? (Check all that apply)

- Ability to take risks in a safe environment
- Competing with other players
- Customizing the game to my interests
- Developing critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Finding ways to be successful in the game
- The high level of activity in the game
- The game changes when I do certain things
- Making new friends
- Playing on my own
- I can pretend to be someone else
- The game gets harder the more I play
- I can exercise with Wii sports
- I like learning new things
- I do not play video or online games

14 Why is it important to learn math?

- I might want a job that uses math
- To earn good grades
- To learn how to solve problems
- To graduate from high school
- To help me in get into college
- Math is not important to me
- I do not like math at all
- I do not know

15 Which of these would be most helpful for you in learning math?

- Learn math by solving real-world problems
- Talk to other students about math
- Help other students learn math
- My teacher is excited about math.
- Doing problems from my textbook
- Use animations to solve math problems
- Solve math puzzles or word problems
- Understand why math is important in my life
- Use calculators
- Use math blocks, counters, shapes
- Use online or computer based math games
- Do activities or experiments that use math
- None of the above
- Other

16 Do you know someone who has taken an online class for school or for their job? If yes, who?

- I don't know anyone who has taken an online class
- My mother
- My father
- My brother or sister
- A friend
- Another family member or guardian
- Other

17 Would you like to take an online class for school?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Not sure
- I don't know that that is.

18 From what you know, why would you take an online classe?

- To take a class not offered at my school
- To get extra help in a subject
- To fit my schedule
- To work at my own pace
- It is easier for me to learn in an online class
- To get more attention from my teachers
- To improve my tech skills
- I don't know
- I am not interested in taking an online class
- Other

19 Our national leaders would like to have more students pursue careers in science, technology, math or engineering. Right now, are you interested in a job or career in any of these fields?

No, those subjects are too hard for me

No, my strengths are in other areas

No, my parents say that other jobs are better

No, those subjects are not interesting to me

Maybe, I would like to know more about those jobs or careers

Yes, I am somewhat interested in a job or career in those fields

Yes, I am very interested in a job or career in those fields

Other

20 Pretend that you could have a new kind of textbook that will be 100% online. What features would you like to have in that new online textbook? (Check all that apply)

Activities for extra credit

Animations

Be able to create videos or podcasts

Be able to download information to my cell phone

Be able to search through textbook

Be able to share information with other students

Be able to take notes

Be able to talk to experts through video conferences or webinars

Brain teasers and advanced topics to extend my learning

Calculator

Email, IM or text other students

Games to explore ideas I'm learning

Links to websites (like NASA, Google Earth, etc.)

Podcasts from subject experts

PowerPoint presentations from my teacher

Quizzes and pre-tests

Tools to help me get organized

Tools to help me learn to write

Tutors that help me online

Videos about the topic I'm studying

Virtual read that would read text aloud

Other

21 Read these sentences. Check the box if you agree with them. (Check all that apply)

I think my school cares about me

I like what I'm learning in school

I want to work hard
I am doing well in school
I am having problems with my school work
I wish my classes were more interesting
I feel safe at school
I know how to be safe when using the Internet
I feel I am prepared to do well in school
Teachers or my parents want me to do well in school
I do not feel safe at school
My parents are very involved in my education
There is at least one adult at school that I can talk to about problems
My grades don't match what I know
Homework helps me practice what I have learned
I don't like school

22 Which of these have been problems for kids at your school? (Choose any that apply)

Approached by strangers online
Sharing too much personal information online
Seeing websites with inappropriate content
Students using others' ideas as their own (plagiarism)
Being harassed online with hurtful texts or photos
Sharing suggestive text or photos
Strangers asking to meet in person
Using technology to cheat in class
Spending too much time online
None of the above

23 Imagine you are in charge of building a new school. What would you include in that new school for the kids to use? (Check all that apply)

Projectors for computers
Document camera (such as: ELMO)
Online, computer or video games
Handheld devices for students to answer questions (clickers)
High tech tools for science
Interactive whiteboards (such as Smartboards, Polyvision)
Mobile computer for every student (such as: laptop, mini-notebook, tablet PC)
Mobile devices (e.g. cell phones, MP3 players, iPods)
Online Classes
Online textbooks
School website or portal
Tools to communicate with others (Email, IM or text messaging)
Tools to help me organize my schoolwork

Tools to create podcasts or videos
Tools to work with others (like blogs, wikis, Google Docs, etc)
Ability to use the Internet anywhere at school
Do webinars or video conferences with people outside of the school
Other

24 Pretend that you are a teacher at your school. How would you use technology to help your students learn math or science?