

## Technology: Changing How Students Learn by Helen Huff

Some say that technology is as much of a solution as it is a problem, but for students it's more of a solution than it is anything else. Over the years, technology has obviously become more useful and more popular. The idea of it thrives throughout most institutions. Technology is an advantage at school these days, so the number of schools using laptops, ipads, tablets and any other type of technology should be increased. Improving education through the uses of technology is leading to student achievement. The students have learned and researched so much more with all the gadgets laying around the classroom.

"What does technology do for the students?" You might ask. Well, what does technology do for adults? Everyday, grown ups are using computers and ipads for work. Learning how to use technology at school prepares students for future jobs in the real world. The method of students using technology at an early age will help them later on in life intending that technology will become a large part of their lives. We are becoming more of a technologically dependent nation everyday .

The majority of students enjoy using smartboards and laptops rather than paper and books. They are more likely to pay attention and be more engaged in learning with the technology. Having access to the internet and reliable sources gives both teachers and students an advantage. The internet, with referenced websites, is a reliable source for kids to explore. Children can access information quickly and easily while using technology. Whether it's on an app or a website, digital devices definitely have a positive impact on today's students.

A continuous problem for teachers and institutions in the past is how technology can be distracting. Nearly 90% said that digital technologies were creating an easily distracted generation. Technology isn't just for learning, there are still games, online dating, online shopping and so much more. Another problem is letting children spend too much time into front of a screen. Students most likely already have a tv and computer at their house, and bringing more devices to school is worrisome. They say whether its laptops, ipads, or phones; technology distracts students in and outside of school. There may be some problems with technology at school but it is more a pro then it is a con when you compare the facts. There is better chance of students learning more with technology then there is without.

Technology is a solution for improving school systems and how students learn. The number of schools with technology should be increased. The students should be able to learn the ways of using technology. Such tools make students more self sufficient researchers and have shown that technology really does lead to achievement.