



Technology at Julian Curtiss School

A balanced approach

Why do we need technology in the classroom?



We are teaching kids to be communicators, problem solvers, and critical thinkers for jobs that have yet to be created. Therefore, questions are probably more important today than answers.



Does my child use their iPad all day long?

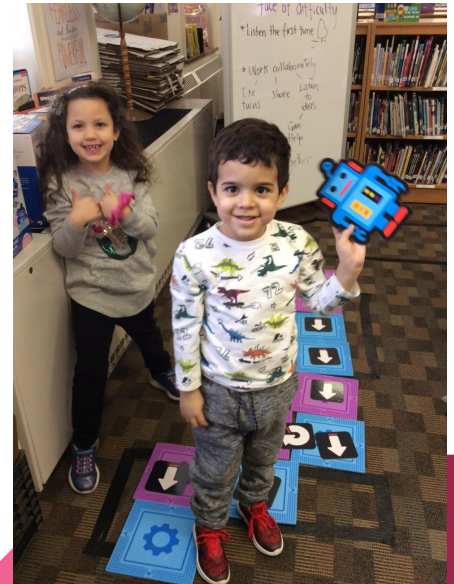
* Teachers take a balanced approach to technology use at JCS.

Examples of when students use technology:

Embedding multi-media to share/learn from resources/experts

Showing what they know/easier to record their voice than type sometimes

Sharing work with peer group/teachers to collaborate/conference*



Great places for students to learn more about everything...

*Don't Google It

*Use [GPS Research Tools](#) instead.

- These are databases that are vetted for high quality information and paid for by the district to support your child's learning.

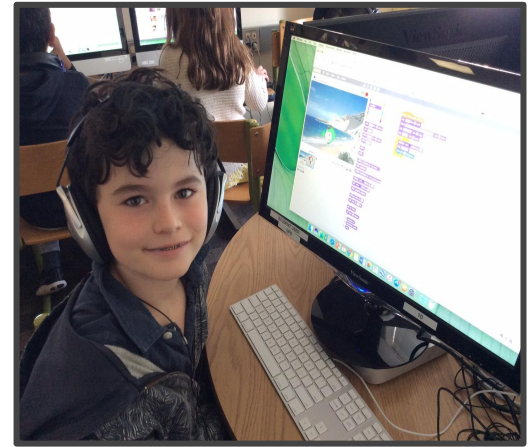


Which Apps are students using?

*It varies by teacher. Each teacher is deemed the best professional to make decisions about the technology being employed within their individual classroom. However, they must choose from a host of vetted tools (high quality & have signed a privacy agreement).

*Teachers may request an app. The request goes to the coordinators of each department and is then vetted and approved (or not) by the members of the curriculum council. The curriculum council is made up of Irene Parisi, some principals, program coordinators, teachers and Board of Ed liaisons.

*To see a list of approved apps visit the [GPS Digital Toolbox](#).



Tips & Tricks



*School device = school work only.

*Settings app can provide info too.

-battery

-accessibility/guided access

*Help Desk Hours

- Tech help/Exchange books



There's No Substitute for Active Monitoring

*Students should use devices in public areas of the home.

*Students should not use GPS account to log onto any websites or apps that are not GPS approved.

*Parents can check out www.common sense media.org for advice on apps, games, books, movies, tv shows and more.



FAQs/Did you know?

- *App usage is monitored for fiscal responsibility.
 - *Curriculum council meetings are open to the public. This is where decisions about platforms such as Schoology/Aspen/Apps are made. ([Calendar](#))
 - *Structurally, Library Media Services falls under Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer.
 - *Contracts for devices are handled by Michael Ting, Director of Educational Technology.
 - *The program coordinator for Library Media Services of GPS is Robert Hibson.
 - *There is an orientation meeting for new 6th graders on how to use Schoology/Aspen at each of the middle schools.
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