



Plain Elementary School Greenville County Schools

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Greenville County Schools Technology

Greenville County Schools is pleased to be able to provide a personal device for every student in grades 3-5 to be used in the classroom to enhance the educational experience. Greenville County teachers are preparing students for jobs and careers that will be focused on technology. For students, the ability to effectively use technology to produce coursework and to collaborate with others is critical for success in the 21st Century workplace. Global access to the Internet has shifted the demand on students to develop technology skills. We believe we must provide students with the skills necessary to adapt to change in a century that has seen change more rapidly than any previous century.

Goals

It is the goal of Greenville County Schools to prepare students for the future. We must provide students with tools necessary to adapt in a rapidly changing world. The personalized learning initiative will:

- Extend student learning beyond the walls of the classroom
- Prepare students to be safe, responsible, and innovative digital citizens
- Engage students in real-world problems by collaborating with others in the classroom and across the world
- Enable students to take responsibility for their own learning
- Provide students with the necessary tools to be successful in their future endeavors in higher education and/or careers
- Provide equal access to technology and tools for all students in order to provide equal opportunities

Personal Device Objectives

The mission of our initiative at Plain Elementary School is to collaboratively foster learning with an engaging and challenging environment preparing our students for middle school, high school, and life-long learning. The personal devices will enable teachers to create an enhanced student-centered environment encouraging innovative thinking. In a growing and globalized society, students will be able to use their personal device as a gateway to obtain information to collaborate with others for

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increased academic performance. Our staff will be provided with continuous professional development to assist in the expansion of high-quality instruction for all students.

Goals and Objectives of the Program

Goal 1: Increase literacy skills for students through classroom instruction.

- Objective 1: Provide necessary technology and training for students and teachers to facilitate reading informational text.
- Objective 2: Provide enrichment reading materials for both students and staff.
- Objective 3: Utilize specific programs and applications for supplemental, rigorous instruction in reading, math, science, and social studies.
- Objective 4: Provide supportive technology equipment for staff and students.

Goal 2: Increase student achievement by implementing state standards through the use of technological applications related to informational text.

- Objective 1: Utilize available online print resources in science, social studies, English/Language Arts, and math for instruction.
- Objective 2: Expand the use of virtual field trips and video conferencing to fill gaps in background knowledge and vocabulary deficits.
- Objective 3: Implement literary studies and information analysis in Gifted and Talented and English/Language Arts through digital media.

Goal 3: Plain Elementary School teachers will utilize available technology to prepare and engage students in 21st Century learning opportunities.

- Objective 1: Provide professional development for teachers and staff on utilizing online print resources.
- Objective 2: Provide students and parents with the skills necessary to engage themselves in a digital world.
- Objective 3: Provide opportunities for students and parents to become immersed in 21st century education.

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