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National Summary Data: Kindergarten – Grade 3 Group Surveys

Q1. Total number of students by grade in your group.

11282 students reported grade affiliations in 327 groups

K – 34% (3837)
1 – 23% (2625)
2 – 24% (2679)
3 – 19% (2141)

Q2. Total number of students by gender

Boys – 51% (3502)
Girls – 49% (3322)
Total reported (6824)

Q3. Where do students have access to computers (estimate to the best of your ability)?

Top 3 responses:
Classroom
Home
Library

Q4. Do students have their own email addresses?

Yes – 29% (1776)
No – 71% (4299)
Total reported (6075)

Q5. Does your teacher contact your parents by email?

Yes – 41% (2384)
No – 59% (3491)
Total reported (5875)

Q6. Do you use computers to help with your schoolwork?

Yes – 73% (4147)
No – 27% (1515)
Total reported (5662)

Q7. What are some of the kinds of computers (technology) that you use for your schoolwork?

Top responses:
Desktop computer
Toys
Calculator
Laptop computer
Digital camera
EBooks

Q8. What is your favorite thing to do with a computer at school?

Top 3 responses:
Play learning games
Create pictures
Practice spelling or reading

Q9. Do you use computers to have fun in your free time away from school?

Yes – 67% (3623)
No – 33% (1784)
Total reported (5407)

Q10. What are some kinds of computers (technology) that you use outside of school?

Top responses:
Desktop computer
Gameboy
Calculator
DVD Player
Cell phone
Laptop computer

Q11. What is your favorite thing to do with technology in your free time?

Top responses:
Playing Games (strong response – 4x stronger than music response)
Listening to music
Make pictures and birthday cards
Talking/emailing with friends or family members
Making music or movies

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Q12. Do you know what the Internet is?

Yes – 78% (4023)
No – 22% (1157)
Total reported (5180)

Q13. What are some things that you do on the Internet, either at school or away from school?

Top responses:
Play an online game
Send an email to a friend or a family member
Search for a website
Check your school website

Q14. Do you think it is important for students your age to be able to use technology?

Yes – 82% (5577)
No – 18% (1203)
Total reported (6780)

Q15. Pretend that you are the principal of your school and you have money to spend on technology. What do you think your school should spend more money on first?

Top responses:
Buy more computers and printers
Buy better software for students to use

Q16. Let's imagine that you have a good idea on how technology could be used better at your school to help students, who would you tell your idea to?

Top responses:
Teacher
Principal

Q17. Share with us your best idea on how technology can be used better within your school to help students.

(open-ended responses not catalogued here)

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National Summary Data: Grades 3-6 Group Surveys

Q1. Total number of students in this group or class by grade.

9552 students reported grade affiliations in 514 groups

3 – 21% (2013)
4 – 30% (2857)
5 – 31% (2955)
6 – 18% (1727)

Q2. Total number of students in this group or class by gender

Boys – 50% (3915)
Girls – 50% (3880)
Total reported (7795)

Q3. In a typical week, which of these technology products do you use, either in school or in your free time?

Top responses:
Desktop computer (strong response – 3.5x stronger than cell phone response)
Cell phone
CD burner
Laptop computer

Q4. In a typical week, which of these Internet tools do you use, either in school or in your free time?

Top responses:
Visited a favorite website
Played an online game
Searched for information

Q5. Do you have an email account?

Yes – 44% (2187)
No – 56% (2785)
Total reported (4972)

Q6. Thinking about other students at your school, do you think you know more/ same/ less than other students about technology?

Know more – 38% (1983)
Know the same – 49% (2598)
Know less – 13% (683)
Total reported (5264)

Q7. Do you use technology to help you with your schoolwork?

Yes – 73% (3341)
No – 27% (1236)
Total reported (4577)

Q8. When you are using technology to help with your schoolwork, where are you most likely to be?

Top responses:
At my home – 44% (2706)
At my school – 29% (1813)
Total reported (6157)

Q9. When you are at your school, where at school do you use technology most often?

Top responses:
In a computer lab - 49% (3020)
In a classroom - 29% (1767)
In the school library - 17% (1021)
Total reported (6124)

Q10. Have you ever done any of the following using the Internet?

Top responses:
Gone to websites that are set up for my class or school
Written a report using information from the Internet
Taken a test online

Q11. If you had to write a report, what would you do first to find out about the subject?

Top responses:
Do an Internet search – 30%
Go to the school library – 16%
Ask your teacher for help – 16%
Ask a family member for help – 15%

Q12. When you are not at school, where do you use the technology most often?

Top responses:
At my home – 64% (3044)
At the public library – 12% (590)
At a friend's house – 9% (431)
Don't have access outside of school – 8% (404)
Total reported (4778)

Q13. What is your #1 use of technology outside of doing schoolwork?

Top responses:
Playing games – 48% (2596)
Talking/emailing with friends or family – 18% (953)
Listening and downloading music – 17% (904)
Total reported (5408)

Q14. Have you ever done any of the following things online?

Top responses:
Played an online game
Returned to a favorite website
Listened to downloaded music
Checked a sports team schedule
Sent out invitations to a party
Visited a museum online

Q15. How do you feel about using technology?

I avoid using technology as much as possible – 7% (314)

I use technology a lot but it's just a tool for me, not a hobby – 22% (1022)

I enjoy working with technology and learning new ways for me to use it – 54% (2505)

I often help my friends with their technology problems and I like showing them how to use technology in different ways – 18% (831)

Total reported (4672)

Q16. Do you think it is important for students your age to be able to use technology at school?

Yes – 95% (3257)
No – 5% (160)
Total reported (3417)

Q17. How are you most likely to find out about new technology and Internet sites?

Top responses:
I had a class at school – 29% (1128)
My parents taught me – 23% (904)
Exploring on my own – 22% (861)
My friends or siblings taught me – 20% (759) – combined two responses
Total reported (3877)

Q18. Do you like using technology at school?

Yes – 68% (2843)
No – 32% (1320)
Total reported (4163)

Q19. For students who answered yes to Q18: Why do you like using technology at school?

Top responses:
Students learn more
School is more fun
Students get higher grades in class and on tests

Q20. For students who answered no to Q18: Why don't you like using technology at school?

Top responses:
It is hard to work together on a computer
There are not enough computers
Students fight over computers

Q21. Are there things at your school that prevent you from using the school's technology more?

Top responses:
Not enough computers
We don't have time in our class
Computers don't always work well

Q22. Budget group: Pretend that you are the principal of your school and you have money to spend on technology. What do you think your school should spend more money on first?

Top response:
Buy more computers and other things like printers, scanners and digital cameras

Q23. School planning group: If you were designing a new school for students just like you, which of these would be the most important for your new school?

Top 3 responses:
New computers for student use
Computer labs that stay open after school and on weekends
Digital cameras and video equipment that could be borrowed by any student

Q24. Tech support and maintenance group: Imagine that you are responsible for keeping all of the technology up and running at your school. What would be your top priority to improve support and maintenance?

Top 2 responses:
Upgrade technology to require less maintenance
Create a student tech support group

Q25. Please share recommendations with us from your small group discussions on using technology more effectively at school.

(open-ended responses not catalogued here)

Q26. Now that you have some ideas about how technology could be used better at your school to help students, who would you go to with that idea?

Top 3 responses:
Technology coordinator/Librarian – combined 2 responses
Principal
Teacher

Q27. What are three things you can do together to get more involved with decisions about technology at your school.

(open-ended responses not catalogued here)

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National Summary Data: Grades 6-12 Group Surveys

Q1. What is your current grade in school?

44,806 students reported grade affiliations

6 – 12% (5576)
7 – 19% (8597)
8 – 14% (6465)
9 – 14% (6280)
10 – 12% (5450)
11 – 14% (6160)
12 – 14% (6278)

1,267 groups/classes submitted surveys.

Q2. Are you a boy or girl?

Boy – 52% (13,626)
Girls – 48% (12,504)
Total reported (26,130)

Q3. In a typical week, which of these technology products do you use either in school or in your free time?

Top responses:
Desktop computer
CD burner
Cell phone
Laptop computer
Digital camera

Q4. In a typical week, which of these Internet tools do you use, either in school or in your free time?

Top responses:
IM
Internet search engine
Email

Q5. Thinking about other students at your school, do you consider yourself an advanced, average or beginner tech user?

Advanced – 28% (7474)
Average – 51% (13,455)
Beginner – 21% (5451)
Total reported (26,380)

Q6. How many email accounts do you have?

0 – 19% (3285)
1-3 – 53% (9123)
4-6 – 12% (2065)
7-10 – 7% (1130)
10+ – 9% (1711)
Total reported (17,314)

81% of students reported having at least one email account. 28% report having 4+ email accounts.

Q7. How many IM screen names do you have?

0 – 18% (2936)
1-3 – 48% (8097)
4-6 – 12% (2043)
7- 10 – 7% (1189)
10+ – 15% (2468)
Total reported (16,733)

82% of students reported having an IM screen name. 34% report having 4+ IM screen names.

Q8. Do you know more friends' IM screen names than their home phone numbers?

Yes – 54% (8331)
No – 46% (7083)
Total reported (15,414)

Q9. Do you use technology to help you with your homework?

Yes – 77% (12,384)
No – 23% (3748)
Total reported (16,132)

Q10. When you are use technology for schoolwork, where are you most likely to be?

Top responses:
At my home – 39% (6474)
At my school – 30% (4977)
At the public library – 14% (2291)
Total reported (16,633)

Q11. When you are at your school, where at school do you use technology most often?

Top responses:
In a computer lab - 37% (5648)
In a classroom - 32% (4773)
In the school library - 18% (2734)
Total reported (15,148)

Q12. Have you ever done the following using the Internet?

Top responses:
Write a report using information from the Internet
Gone to websites that are set up for my class or school
Taken a test online

Q13. If you had to write a report or essay today about a topic that you knew little or nothing about, what would you do first?

Top responses:
Do an Internet search using the topic as a key word – 21% (3795)
Go to a website that you already know – 17% (3109)
Ask a teacher for help and advice – 13% (2292)
Go to the school library to find a book – 12% (2243)
Total reported (18,328)

Q14. You are having trouble with a homework assignment and it is due tomorrow. What are you most likely to do first?

Top responses:
Call a friend – 25% (3731)
Ask a family member for help – 22% (3292)
Ask the teacher for help the next day – 15% (2229)
Go online and see who from your IM buddy list is online to help – 12% (1728)
Total reported (14,743)

Q15. Outside of school time, where do you usually access the Internet?

Top responses:
At my home – 57% (6142)
At the public library – 13% (1390)
Don't have access outside of school – 6% (685)
Total reported (10,805)

Q16. In your free time, what is your #1 use of technology?

Top responses:
Playing games – 29% (3659)
Talking/emailing with friends or family – 27% (3419)
Listening and downloading music – 24% (3028)
Total reported (12,496)

Q17. Have you ever done any of the following things online?

Top responses:
Played online games
Downloaded music or a movie
Got directions
Checked on a sports team schedule
Visited a college website
Bought movie tickets
Sent out invitations for a party
Visited a museum online
Learned about a community service project

Q18. Which of these statements best describes your feeling about using technology?

I avoid using technology as much as possible – 8% (784)

I use technology a lot but it's just a tool for me, not a hobby – 34% (3346)

I enjoy working with technology and learning new ways for me to use it – 40% (3989)

I often help my friends with their technology problems and I like showing them how to use technology in different ways – 18% (1846)

Total reported (9965)

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Q19. How important do you think having access to technology is to your education?

Very important – 59% (5816)
Important – 34% (3317)
Not very important – 7% (697)
Total reported (9830)

93% of students reported that having access to technology is important to their education.

Q20. How do you find out about new technology and Internet sites?

Top responses:
My friends – 23%
Teacher recommendations – 22%
Exploring on my own – 20%
Family members – 13%
Television or radio ads – 12%

Q21. In which subject areas do you think technology is being used most effectively at your school?

Top responses:
Science
English
Social Studies/History

Q22. Why is technology used effectively in these subject areas?

Top responses:
Computers have access to the Internet
Enough computers
Computers are convenient to use
Assignments in this area require computer or Internet use

Q23. In which subject areas do you think technology is NOT being used effectively at your school?

Top responses:
Physical Education
Art
Math

Q24. What obstacles do you face in using technology?

Top responses (in order of student choice):
Outdated software
Not enough computers
Computers that don't work regularly
Lack of time in the school day to use the computers or access the Internet
Limited teacher knowledge and skill
School filters and firewalls
Slow access time to get on the Internet

All seven responses are very close statistically, with only a 5% differential from "outdated software" to "slow access time."

Q25. Which statement best describes how you feel about your school's use of an Internet filter or firewall to block certain websites and Internet activities? (only reporting responses from students whose schools have filters)

Filters are good – 39% (2338)
Filters are only for the unmotivated – 20% (1188)
Filters are obstacles – 41% (2490)
Total reported as having filters (6016)

1000 students reported that their school does not have an Internet filter of firewall.

Q26. Budget Group: Imagine that you are part of a student committee at your school that will make recommendations on how your school should spend its technology budget. What do you think your school should spend more money on first?

Top 3 responses:
More computers and other computer related equipment (i.e. printers, scanners or digital cameras) - 37% (153)
Faster Internet connections – 29% (120)
Better software for students to use for schoolwork – 20% (85)
Total reported (418)

Q27. School Planning Group: If you were designing a new school for students just like you, which of these would be the most important for your new school?

Top 3 responses:
Fast, wireless Internet access throughout the school
Computer labs that stay open after school and on weekends
New computers throughout the school so students could go online whenever they want

Q28. Technology Support and Maintenance Group: Imagine that you are responsible for keeping all of the technology up and running at your school. What would be your top priority to improve support and maintenance?

Top 3 responses:
Upgrade technology to require less maintenance
Train teachers to improve their skills
Hire more adult techs

Q29. Impact of Technology Group: If you went to a school that had lots of technology available to everyone, what do you think would be the top 3 benefits?

Top 3 responses:
Students would learn more
Students would get higher grades in class and on tests
School would be more fun

Q30. Please share recommendations with us from your small group discussions on using technology more effectively at school.

(open-ended responses not catalogued here)

Q31. Now that you have some ideas about how technology could be used better at your school to help students, who would you go to first with that idea?

Top 3 responses:
Teacher
Principal
Technology coordinator/librarian – combined response

Q32. Imagine that you no longer had access to the Internet anywhere. What would be the impact on your schoolwork?

No big deal – 20% (1181)
Big impact – 42% (2585)
Some impact – 38% (2316)
Total reported (6052)

80% of the students reported that losing Internet access would have an impact on their schoolwork.

Q33. Imagine once again that you no longer had access to the Internet anywhere. What would be the impact on your personal life?

No big deal – 24% (1525)
Big impact – 49% (3162)
Some impact – 27% (1710)
Total reported (6397)

76% of the students reported that losing Internet access would have an impact on their personal life.

Q34. What are three things you plan to do to get more involved with decisions about technology at your school?

(open-ended responses not catalogued here)

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<u>**National Data Summary: Grades 4-6 Individual Surveys**</u>

Q1. What grade are you in?

13,975 students reported grade affiliations

4 – 30% (4205)
5 – 45% (6302)
6 – 25% (3468)

Q2. Are you a boy or girl?

Boy – 50% (7844)
Girls – 50% (7689)
Total reported (15,533)

Q3. In the last week, did you use any of these things?

Top responses:
Desktop computer
Cell phone
Laptop computer
Digital camera
CD burner

Q4. In the last week, have you done any of these things using the Internet?

Top responses:
Played an online game
Visited a favorite website
Searched for information

Q5. Do you have an email account?

Yes – 46% (6882)
No – 54% (8236)
Total reported (15,118)

Q6. Thinking about other students at your school, do you think you know more/same/less than other students about technology?

Know more – 23% (3407)
Know the same – 61% (9094)
Know less – 16% (2327)
Total reported (14,828)

Q7. Do you use technology to help you with your schoolwork?

Yes – 76% (11,344)
No – 24% (3666)
Total reported (15,010)

Q8. When you are use technology for schoolwork, where are you most likely to be?

Top responses:
At my home – 57% (8505)
At my school – 32% (4804)
Total reported (14,825)

Q9. When you are at your school, where at school do you use technology most often?

Top responses:
In a computer lab - 68% (10,232)
In a classroom - 20% (3002)
In the school library - 6% (874)
Total reported (14,958)

Q10. Have you ever done any of these things using the Internet?

Top responses:
Researched for a report
Taken a test online
Gone to websites that are set up for my class or school

Q11. Are there things at your school that prevent you from using the school's technology more?

Top responses:
Computers don't always work well
We don't have time in our class
Not enough computers

Q12. Pretend that you are the principal of your school and you have money to spend on technology. What do you think your school should spend more money on first?

Top response:
Buy more computers and other things like printers, scanners and digital cameras

Q13. If you had to write a report, what would you do first to find out about the subject?

Top responses:
Do an Internet search using the topic as a key word – 33%
Go to the school library – 24%
Go to a website that you already know – 16%
Ask a family member for help – 10%

Q14. You are having trouble with a homework assignment and it is due tomorrow. What are you most likely to do first?

Top responses:
Ask a family member for help – 63%
Call a friend – 17%

Q15. How are you most like to find out about new technology and Internet sites?

Top responses:
My friends or siblings taught me – 34% (12,262) – combined two responses
My parents taught me – 23% (8152)
A class in school – 20% (7134)
Total reported (35,983)

Q16. Do you like using technology at school?

Yes – 92% (13,026)
No – 8% (1179)
Total reported (14,205)

Q17. Do you think it is important for students your age to be able to use technology at school?

Yes – 94% (13,583)
No – 6% (885)
Total reported (14,468)

Q18. When you are not at school, where are you most likely to use technology?

Top responses:
At my home – 78% (10,658)
At the public library – 11% (1502)
At a friend's house – 5% (632)
Don't have access outside of school – 4% (534)
Total reported (13,716)

Q19. What is your #1 use of technology outside of doing schoolwork?

Top responses:
Playing games – 49% (6153)
Talking/emailing with friends or family – 20% (2485)
Listening and downloading music – 16% (2015)
Total reported (12,643)

Q20. Have you ever done any of these things online?

Top responses:
Played an online game
Returned to a favorite website
Listened to downloaded music
Checked a sports team schedule
Sent out invitations to a party – 8% (3000)
Visited a museum online – 5% (1789)

Q21. How do you feel about using technology?

I avoid using technology as much as possible – 5% (746)

I use technology a lot but it's just a tool for me, not a hobby – 25% (3314)

I enjoy working with technology and learning new ways for me to use it – 56% (7433)

I often help my friends with their technology problems and I like showing them how to use technology in different ways – 14% (1867)

Total reported (13,360)

Q22. If you were designing a new school for students just like you, which of these would be the most important for your new school?

Top 3 responses:
New computers for student use
Computer labs that stay open after school and on weekends
Ability to access the Internet anywhere at school

Q23. If you went to a school that had lots of technology available to everyone, what would be the top 3 benefits?

Top 3 responses:
Student would learn more
Students would get higher grades in class and on tests
School would be more fun

Q24. Let's imagine that you had a good idea on how technology could be used better at your school to help students, who would you go to first with that idea?

Top 3 responses:
Teacher
Principal
Technology coordinator/librarian – combined response

Q25. Can you think of a way that your teachers or your school could use technology better?

(open-ended responses not catalogued here)

Q26. What are three things that you plan to do to get more involved with decisions about technology at your school?

(open-ended responses not catalogued here)

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<u>**National Summary Data: Grades 7-12 Individual Surveys**</u>

Q1. What is your current grade in school?

34,257 students reported grade affiliations

7 – 27% (9329)
8 – 22% (7638)
9 – 16% (5459)
10 – 12% (3976)
11 – 11% (3740)
12 – 12% (4115)

Q2. Are you a boy or girl?

Boy – 51% (19770)
Girls – 49% (18674)
Total reported (38,444)

Q3. In a typical week, which of these technology products do you use either in school or in your free time?

Top responses:
Desktop computer
Cell phone
CD burner
Laptop computer
Digital camera

Q4. In a typical week, which of these Internet tools do you use, either in school or in your free time?

Top responses:
Email
Internet search engine
IM

Q5. Thinking about other students at your school, do you consider yourself an advanced, average or beginner tech user?

Advanced – 26% (9711)
Average – 67% (25,250)
Beginner – 7% (2857)
Total reported (37,818)

Q6. How do you usually learn about using technology?

I learned on my own – 48% (18,002)
I had a class in school – 30% (11,255)
My parents taught me about using the computer and the Internet – 13% (4,959)
Total reported (37,769)

Q7. How many email accounts do you have?

0 – 21% (8222)
1-3 - 67% (25,935)
4-6 - 8% (3216)
7-10   - 2% (643)
10+ - 2% (913)
Total reported (38,929)

79% of students reported having at least one email account. 12% report having 4+ email accounts.

Q8. How many IM screen names do you have?

0 – 30% (12,303)
1-3 – 52% (21,069)
4-6 – 10% (4075)
7- 10 - 3% (1200)
10+ - 5% (1989)
Total reported (40,636)

70% of students reported having at least one IM screen name. 18% have 4+ IM screen names.

Q9. Do you use technology to help you with your schoolwork?

Yes – 91% (34,237)
No – 9% (3338)
Total reported (37,585)

Q10. When you are use technology for schoolwork, where are you most likely to be?

Top responses:
At my home – 70% (26,360)
At my school – 23% (8735)
Total reported (37592)

Q11. When you are at your school, where at school do you use technology most often?

Top responses:
In a computer lab - 60% (21,923)
In a classroom - 28% (10,087)
In the school library - 11% (4175)
Total reported (36,562)

Q12. Do you ever do the following using the Internet?

Top responses:
Write a report using information from the Internet
Gone to websites that are set up for my class or school
Taken a test online

Q13. In which three subject areas do you think technology is being used most effectively at your school?

Top responses:
Science
Social Studies/History
English

Q14. What, if any, obstacles do you face in using technology at your school?

Top responses (in order of student choice):
Lack of time in school day to use computers or to access the Internet
Slow access time to get on the Internet
School filters and firewalls
Not enough computers
Computers that don't work regularly

All three top responses are very close statistically, within 8% differential from "lack of time" to "computers that don't work regularly."

Q15. Imagine that you are part of a student committee at your school that will make recommendations on how your school should spend its technology budget. What do you think your school should spend more money on first?

Top response:
More computers and other computer related equipment (i.e. printers, scanners or digital cameras) - 47% (16,804)
Better software for students to use for schoolwork – 32% (11,823)
Total reported (36,040)

Q16. If you had to write a report or essay today about a topic that you knew little or nothing about, what would you do first?

Top responses:
Do an Internet search using the topic as a key word – 49% (17,726)
Go to a website that you already know – 18% (6392)
Go to the school library to find a book – 10% (3507)
Ask a teacher for help and advice - 9% (3421)
Total reported (36,438)

Q17. You are having trouble with a homework assignment and it is due tomorrow. What are you most likely to do first?

Top responses:
Ask a family member for help –36% (13,339)
Call a friend – 31% (11,486)
Go online and see who from your IM buddy list is online to help – 12% (4287)
Total reported (37,059)

Q18. If you could change one thing about how technology is being used at your school today, what would that one thing be?

Allow students to use IM and email at school – 33% (11,684)
Have newer, better computers for student use – 30% (10,773)
Have online classes for subjects that are not taught at my school – 13% (4612)
Use online textbooks – 12% (4203)

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Q19. How do you find out about new technology and Internet sites?

Top responses:
My friends – 25%
Exploring on my own – 23%
Family members – 16%
Television or radio ads – 14%
Teacher recommendations – 13%

Q20. Which statement best describes how you feel about your school's use of an Internet filter or firewall to block certain websites and Internet activities? (only reporting responses from students whose schools have filters)

Filters are good – 44% (14,870)
Filters are only for the unmotivated – 16% (5211)
Filters are obstacles – 40% (13,509)
Total reported as having filters (33,590)

1745 students reported that their school does not have an Internet filter of firewall.

Q21. Does your school use students to help fix the computers and keep them running?

Yes – 33% (11,938)
No – 67% (23,719)
Total reported (35,657)

Q22. Which statement best describes how you feel about students fixing computers at your school?

Student techs are good – 61% (10,845)
School should hire adult techs –22% (4053)
Teachers should fix their own computers – 16% (2833)
Total reported (17,731)

Q23. How important do you think having access to technology is to your education?

Very important – 69% (16281)
Important – 28% (6656)
Not very important – 3% (818)
Total reported (23,755)

97% of students reported that having access to technology is important to their education.

Q24. Outside of school time, where do you usually access the Internet?

Top responses:
At my home – 85% (28,728)
At the public library – 6% (1939)
Don't have access outside of school – 3% (857)
Total reported (33,906)

Q25. In your free time, what is your #1 use of technology?

Top responses:
Talking/emailing with friends or family – 43% (14,562)
Playing games – 31% (10,387)
Listening and downloading music – 17% (5905)
Total reported (33,785)

Q26. Have you ever done any of the following things online?

Top responses:
Played online games
Downloaded music or a movie
Got directions
Checked on a sports team schedule
Visited a college website
Sent out invitations for a party
Bought movie tickets
Visited a museum online
Learned about a community service project

Q27. Do you know more friends' IM screen names than their home phone numbers?

Yes – 53% (18321)
No - 47% (15953)
Total reported (34,274)

Q28. How often do you communicate by email or through IM with friends who live outside of your local area?

Every day – 39% (11,206)
About twice a week – 24% (6874)
About twice a month – 10% (2903)
Rarely – 23% (6599)
Never – 4% (1238)
Total reported (28,820)

73% of students use email or IM to communicate with friends who live outside of their local area.

1645 (5%) of the total respondent pool stated that they did not have email access.

Q29. Which of these statements best describes your feeling about using technology?

I avoid using technology as much as possible – 4% (1229)

I use technology a lot but it's just a tool for me, not a hobby – 26% (8793)

I enjoy working with technology and learning new ways for me to use it – 54% (18,482)

I often help my friends with their technology problems and I like showing them how to use technology in different ways – 17% (5635)

Total reported (34,139)

Q30. Imagine that you no longer had access to the Internet anywhere. What would be the impact on your schoolwork?

No big deal – 17% (5883)
Big impact – 39% (13,157)
Some impact – 44% (14,932)
Total reported (33,972)

83% of the students reported that losing Internet access would have an impact on their schoolwork.

Q31. Imagine once again that you no longer had access to the Internet anywhere. What would be the impact on your personal life?

No big deal – 21% (7038)
Big impact – 46% (15,486)
Some impact – 33% (11,180)
Total reported (33,704)

79% of the students reported that losing Internet access would have an impact on their personal life.

Q32. If you were designing a new school for students just like you, which of these would be the most important for your new school?

Top 3 responses:
Fast, wireless Internet access throughout the school
New computers throughout the school so students could go online whenever they want
Computer labs that stay open after school and on weekends

Q33. If you went to a school that had lots of technology available to everyone, what do you think would be the top 3 benefits?

Top 4 responses:
Student would learn more
School would be more fun
Student projects would be better
Students would get higher grades in class and on tests

Q34. Let's imagine that you had a good idea on how technology could be used better at your school to help students, who would you go to first with that idea?

Top 3 responses:
Teacher
A friend
Principal (tied with) Technology coordinator/librarian – combined response

Q35. Can you think of a way that your teachers or your school could use technology better?
Q36. What are three things you plan to do to get more involved with decisions about technology at your school?

(open-ended responses not catalogued here)

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