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ANALYSIS



Schools rethink technology use in the classroom, examine student screen time

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When the COVID-19 pandemic forced in-person classroom instruction to go virtual, students suddenly needed to have their own laptops or tablets in order to interact with teachers and complete assignments.

Most states used federal pandemic funding to address the digital divide. This refers to the gap between students and families who had their own tablets, computers and high-speed internet, and those who did not.

While most schools resumed in-person classes by 2021, many of them continued to rely heavily on online platforms and apps to help

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Research shows students learn the most when they use tech actively rather than passively.



Experts say students need to learn more than how to use a laptop or an artificial intelligence chatbot; they should also understand how data is collected and used, how AI and other computing systems work and how technology affects people and society. PHOTO AND ART BY GETTY IMAGES

For older students, technology may remain central to learning, particularly when students are using it to program, analyze data, model complex systems and critically evaluate information.

Braun suspends gas tax again

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Hoosiers will get another month of cheaper gas, Gov. Mike Braun announced Sept. 3, thanks to an order extending the gas tax suspension through Oct. 6.

The governor first suspended gas taxes in April due to oil price volatility from the war in Iran and has renewed the suspension each month since. His most recent suspension is part of a second emergency declaration issued in August after the first declaration expired.

“Affordability is my top priority, and my gas tax suspensions are delivering the cheapest gas in America for Hoosiers. I’m keeping those savings going for Hoosier families,” Braun said in a news release.

Braun will reevaluate whether to continue the gas tax pause next month, according to the news release. The current emergency declaration is set to

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Mobile driver’s licenses are coming to IN

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Many Hoosiers whip out their smartphones to pay for a latte or a drink at a bar. Soon, when the bartender asks for ID, that smartphone could be all they need.

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles has been exploring the concept of a mobile driver’s license for years — since state lawmakers passed a law in 2019 allowing them to — and now the department is telling legislators that Hoosiers should be able to get these verified credentials on their phones within the next 18 months.

These are not a replacement for physical ID cards, but an extra, no-cost option for those who just want the bartender to know they’re of age and not necessarily know where they live, for example.

“We definitely think the (mobile driver’s license) is a step forward for privacy for Hoosiers,” BMV general counsel Matt Kestian told lawmakers on the roads and transportation study

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