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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 their students do their work.

Today, however, more and more schools are reconsidering how technology fits into teaching and learning, with many districts establishing

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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. PHOTOS 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.

Forecast calls for signs of fall despite high heat

Shorter daylight hours, vibrant colors coming

Doyle Rice
USA TODAY

Experts say cool weather might be hard to come by in September, but the other signs of fall will be arriving shortly. The days are now getting noticeably shorter, and the leaves will soon be changing color.

Fall-like temperatures will be difficult to find over the next few weeks across the majority of the eastern United States and in the Northwest, according to an email from AccuWeather meteorologist Brandon Buckingham.

“Across the East, the Northeast, Ohio Valley, the mid-Atlantic and the Southeast are all expected to experience above-average warmth in September, with near- to above-average warmth expected to continue in October,” he said.

And “although the Northwest is experiencing their first fall storm of the season currently, a return towards warmer and largely dry conditions are expected into the latter half of September and in October, with a lower occurrence of storms moving into the region.”

Buckingham said the central and southern Rockies are among the areas that should see an early arrival of more typical fall weather. “This is largely in response to the strength of the El Niño, which would be supportive of a more active subtropical jet stream during the fall months that can yield a higher frequency of storms,” he said.

He added that a more typical transition into fall is expected across much of the Plains and Midwest this year.

“Although the heat has been persistent in August and early September, more frequent cold fronts are expected into the latter half of the month and in October which will bring along a higher frequency of cooldowns,” he said.

An ongoing heat wave is forecast to continue across the central and eastern states through early in the week

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