

Technology Now

Could you imagine going a day without cell phones, televisions, and computers? Most people wouldn't know what to do. Technology is a major part of many people's everyday life. Technology is such a big part of everyday life that the first activity many people do when they wake up is get on their cell phones or computer before they start their day. Throughout the day, people are constantly on their cell phones whether it's to get on social networks or for text messaging. Also, many people are on their cell phones right before they go to sleep every night. So if technology is such a big part of most people's everyday life, why would you not use it in classrooms?

Technology can be helpful in many ways in the classroom. A lot of students have used textbooks and notebook paper since their first day of school. Now at many schools, including my own, we do many things on computers and Smart Boards. If students are constantly reading out of textbooks then they will become bored of it. If you have the ability to read the same material from your textbooks off of a tablet, laptop, or computer, it can make learning a lot more entertaining for the students.

Here at South Side High School, many of the teachers use technology regularly to help their students learn. Not everyone learns the same way. Many people are more of visual learners than auditory learners. Some people can't comprehend when reading straight out of a book, it might take them seeing and hearing something for them to comprehend what's actually going on. At South Side, I believe many teachers do an excellent job with keeping technology involved in classrooms. Most students have certain classes in which everything they do is using technology. I couldn't imagine going to school every day and not having my teachers use technology.

Many teachers show their students important topics on the news via Smart Board. Smart Board's allow teachers to connect their computers to a board and project it to a much larger screen so the whole class can see it. The Smart Board's also allow students to do activities on the board by touching it. The Smart Board's keep many students involved in class and makes it fun to volunteer to answer questions. You can also take tests and quizzes with remotes that are programmed to the board. Ms. Melissa Perry, who teaches Agriscience, Wildlife Management, and Greenhouse Management, allows her students to test and quiz from remotes on these boards. That makes test taking less stressful for students because the whole class is taking the test at the same time as you so you're not rushed or pressured as you would be if you were taking a quiz or test on paper. Technology has changed classrooms and in many cases, helped the way students learn at South Side High School and many schools across not only the U.S., but the world.