

TECHNOLOGY

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Technology continues to move at a fierce pace and we never cease to be amazed by the ways you bring it into your classrooms. Your Perry Township Technology Department strives to be curriculum driven and continue to ensure technology is another reliable tool in your belt.

Throughout this year, projects will continue in many areas. We recently completed the full replacement of all networking equipment in our schools. This project was designed to enable complete 1:1 capacity K-12.

In the 2017-18 school year we will be adding 1:1 Chromebooks to first grade,

making devices available for all students 1-12. We will also be replacing all devices in our Kindergarten rooms with 10 touch-screen devices in each classroom.

Shortly, you'll see a new feature of our Google Drives rolling out to your building in Team Drives. Each building will be starting with a staff team drive that emulates your current I drive. These new spaces will have no space limits and will be available everywhere in the world to you.

The hardware and services will continue to evolve and we look forward to working with all of you in integration.

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RECENT PIVOT DATA

- SRI
- SAT and PSAT
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- CogAT
- Dibels
- ECA and ISTEP

CANVAS UPDATES

Teachers using Canvas can now easily use and assign Google Drive Documents!

The new integration features with Google Drive allows [Google Docs as assignments](#) and [students to submit Google Docs as assignments](#) which

teachers can grade in Speedgrader by editing or annotating the submission.

More Info:

[Canvas in Overdrive with Google Drive](#)
[Canvas Guide Documentation](#)

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<https://goo.gl/pEzmof>

BACKUPIFY

Did you know that even after a file, contact, or email is gone from your trash folder it might not be entirely lost? This school year, we have begun using Backupify to keep an archive of your Google Mail, Drive, Calendar, and Contacts. It is now possible to recover and download individual files or emails and even to restore your whole inbox or drive to a recent Backup.

Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drawings, and

most image files (including PDFs) are included in your Backup of your Drive. Forms and Google Sites are NOT. Non-Google file types (such as Pear Decks) are saved in the Backup, but may not be able to be opened in a readable form.

You can find more information on using this tool on the Staff and Students Portal:

<https://goo.gl/ukEOOA>

SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Numerous technology offerings are being planned for summer! This includes sessions on Canvas, Google, Pear Deck and much more! New "Digital Classroom" sessions will be focused on tools for the 1:1 classroom. Numerous "Maker" sessions will also be available this summer! Look for the new classes and of course, your favorite classes from the past (like 15+ Tech Tools and Assistive Technology) which will be returning! Registration will be open in April!

MAKERSPACES

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Open House on February 27th. Staff and their families enjoyed snacks, drove robots, flew drones, and built circuits. If you were not able to attend but are interested in learning more, contact HelpDesk and we'll be happy to provide tours of our district Makerspace and answer your questions.

The real power of the Maker Movement in schools is in the opportunities that it provides for deep thinking and authentic

learning. When students make their own inventions, move a robot across the room using their own code, or design a 3D model, they are exercising both creative and practical thinking. Additionally, maker activities often require students working together in teams, which provides opportunities to practice effective communication. These conversations support speaking and listening standards for all students, but are particularly valuable for our English Language Learners.