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DOING GREAT THINGS WITH TECHNOLOGY?

Tell us about it. We would love to visit your class.

Contact your instructional technology coach to schedule a visit.

T-TESS, Technology, and Instructional Support

Integration of technology to enhance mastery of goal(s) is included as a descriptor in Domain 1.1 of T-TESS. In clarifying the descriptor, the T-TESS Teacher Handbook from Region 13 describes effective teachers as ensuring that technology integration is routine, seamless, and transparent. Instructional technology should be as novel in the classroom as pen and paper. As the T-TESS Teacher Handbook points out, "Student motivation and engagement increases when technology is an integral part of the learning process. The end result is an opportunity to build a deeper understanding of content" (p. 13).

The Instructional Technology Team is committed to supporting teachers as they work toward seamless integration of technology into the learning process. Through on-going collaboration with teachers, the instructional technology coaches are able to participate in lesson planning and support job embedded professional development. Working with individual teachers, teams, departments, and entire faculties, the Instructional Technology Team tailors professional development and instructional support to meet identified needs. As we work with teachers, we also support the continued use of Tier I best practices.

Do not hesitate to contact any member of the Instructional Technology Team as you engage in the process of integrating technology into instruction. Your professional learning is an important part of your continued growth as an educator and is vital to the success of your students. We are here to support your professional learning. Our contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter. Additional information about the Team and each of our assigned areas can be found online at <http://technology.conroeisd.net/instructional>.

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Google Slides Q & A

Google Slides has added a clever feature to Slides to encourage more student participation. It's simply called Q&A, and it lets students submit questions to the teacher during a presentation. Students can also vote on which questions they want to have answered. If you're using Google Slides and want to hold a Q&A, click Presenter View. A short URL will display on your presentation and students can submit a question without interrupting the presentation. At that same URL, anyone in the audience can see all the questions that have been submitted thus far and give them a "thumbs up" to indicate interest in hearing an answer. Ready to get started? Visit the site found [here](#) for instructions for utilizing the Q & A feature.

Chromebooks: Student QR Extension

On a Chromebook, students have a QR code reader extension in the top right corner of their browser. This allows students to scan a QR code to get to websites without having to type in the URL.

1. Click the extension. 
2. Click **Scan a QR Code**.
3. Click **Allow** to grant access to the camera when prompted.
4. Hold the QR code that points to a website in front of the Chromebook camera.
5. The URL link will show up on the screen.
6. Click the link to visit the website.

[Printable Instructions](#)

[How teachers add the QR code extension to their account](#)

[How to run Chromebook logins for students in View It](#)

[Ready made QR codes for websites](#)

Digital Storytelling with Telestory

Telestory is a free iOS app that allows students to create their own TV shows. Students can choose to create a music video, teleport to an alien planet, or to report a news broadcast. After students create their stories, they can save them to the camera roll on an iPad. This allows videos to be uploaded to Google Drive, SeeSaw, or Canvas. For more information about Telestory, visit the link found [here](#). Your district instructional technology coach can assist in developing instructional applications for Telestory in your classroom.

Online Library Resources

School libraries provide a wealth of instructional resources for students and teachers. Among these resources are a variety of online databases that can be used for research projects or just to find vetted, reliable information. These online resources can be accessed at school and at home. Links to district purchased online databases can be found at <http://library.conroeisd.net/databases>. Your librarian can help you with login information. In addition, there may be additional campus resources subscribed to by your school librarian. For information about and training on online resources available through the library, you can contact your school librarian or your district instructional technology coach. These resources are renewed each year, and the available databases continue to grow.