

## 2018 – 2019 Technology Update for Families

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### New Resources Make a Difference for Learning

Technology is making its way into all curriculum resource reviews in the Auburn School District. Several new resources are in classrooms now or planned for fall to complement important unplugged work in our classrooms:

- “**Wonders** Online is the best thing that’s happened!” remarks Chinook 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher Tiffany Kriss. This new tool provides students on-the-spot feedback within online activities and games aimed at teaching and assessing reading and writing standards.
- All elementary students will have **Quaver** on their Chromebooks to learn and produce music at their own pace and level.
- In middle school science classrooms and next year in high school, **STEMscopes** provides students access to continually updated video and interactive content illustrating real-world natural phenomena.
- Newly adopted middle and high school **Big Ideas** math materials include editable online resources for assessments and practice with an emphasis on math in the real world. A full Spanish version of the text is online.
- A new **Avancemos** interactive text will include current news articles, podcasts, videos and listening activities, and leveled readings to support students in learning Spanish.
- High school **Chemistry** teachers have used CK12 open educational resources to customize a text for Auburn students. Google Classroom will be used to distribute the free, interactive content, allowing budget to provide more materials for experiments and hands-on activities.



### Communication and Security for Families

Google now requires permission for students under the age of 18, to use Google Additional Services like Bookmarks, Google Earth, and YouTube. Some other programs teachers use in their classrooms also require parent permission, usually under the age of 13.

While all software used with students is carefully vetted and supervised, it is important to the Auburn School District that families have information about software used in our classrooms. A *Data Security for Parents* page is newly available on the district Technology web site to provide this information. See [www.auburn.wednet.edu/Tech4Families](http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/Tech4Families)

Two other related changes are coming this fall. YouTube will now run in Restricted Mode to allow instructional content in a more limited viewing experience. Also, beginning this fall, all parents K-12 will have access to the Securly Home portal so that parents can monitor their students’ online activities in their student accounts. An enrollment email will come this fall.

Watch this summer for notice to all families to complete a **Parent Technology Agreement Form** in Skyward to provide appropriate permissions for students.

#### Summer reminder!

Students may access eBooks and online resources this summer through our King County Library partnership!  
**Login:** 4080+studentID#  
**Password:** last four digits of studentID