



## 2018-2019 Midyear Technology Update for Families

### We've Got the Touch

In this - year four of our 1:1 technology implementation – we continue refining our choices as we refresh technology in classrooms. This fall **kindergarten** classroom tablets were replaced with 360-Touch Chromebooks. This change allows our kindergarten students to access a greater range of instructional resources.

Students also have the flexibility of working in tablet mode while beginning to learn to recognize the keyboard. Tools like SeeSaw are allowing our youngest learners to save evidence of their learning online, share it with their families, and receive recorded feedback.



The same 360-Touch Chromebooks are now also standard in all **elementary Structured Learning Classrooms**, ensuring our students with disabilities have access to the same general education resources as their peers. The touchscreen allows students with limited motor skills to have greater access to learning tools. The independence of all students is enhanced through their access to a variety of programs with audio and visual supports.

As we move through this school year, teachers' Chromebooks will be replaced with a 360-Touch. In tablet mode, teachers are able to be more mobile in the classroom, allowing more interaction and real-time instructional decision making with students. Teachers are able to project from their mobile devices to classroom screens from anywhere in their classrooms and can select students' screens for display and teaching reference, too. Find more information on the 360-Touch device [online](#) on the Auburn School District Instructional Technology web site.

### Improving Access and Safety

Behind the scenes, we strive to provide reliable services to our classrooms. The creation of student accounts is now automated so as soon as a student is enrolled, network and Google accounts are created. A data integration tool called *Clever* allows selected instructional resources to be linked so students have direct access to them once logged in on the network. Our kindergarten and grade 1 students can even log in using just a QR code badge in their classrooms. Your 2-12 students can enter *Clever* from home – accessing online textbooks or their reading and math programs for their specific grade levels or classes.

*Securly* is our new district filter, which is also applied to secondary student Chromebooks used at home. For secondary families, *Securly* provides weekly notifications and a parent portal that shows students' browsing history and flags concerning behavior. *Securly* also alerts school personnel to online bullying and self-harm signals for follow up during school days.

Check out information on *Clever*, *Securly*, and other tools for students and parents on the Instructional Technology [web site](#).

