

# Issues with Technology in the Classroom

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There are many issues with technology, especially in the classroom. Ethical and legal come into play together. These issues are one of the most popular. It is unethical to steal information on the internet and use it as your own. This is not only unethical, but also illegal. These issues have to do with technology whenever students are allowed to use the internet and end up copy and pasting information to use as their own resources for projects at school. This is not just "borrowing information" if you do not cite or tell where it came from; it is stealing. Students need to be informed about this and warned. Giving students tips on how to avoid this, which is called plagiarism, helps protect them from getting in trouble with the teacher and the school. The social issues with technology in the classroom are that students may get on a site that they do not need to be on. Most schools have filters, but there are ways to get around them, and not all sites are filtered or blocked. There is bullying on the internet, just as there is in the school. Social sites like Facebook and MySpace are just a few that might raise threats about cyber bullying. Students can be harassed and have their identity stolen on the internet, as well. Human issues include physical issues of people's arms and backs from being on a computer all day, especially secretaries. Also, there are problems that have been problems with the eyes of people who use a computer a lot. It has been said that their vision has been altered or weakened because of the glare from the screen of computers. Another human issue that was also mentioned as a social one is privacy and identity theft. Students need their privacy protected. Students should only be allowed to share their personal information (name, age, etc.) on well-trusted sites. Students should be monitored at all times while on the internet in the classroom. There are also issues with technology, not only on the internet, but also with bringing in technology products that are meant to be "educational". Students' rights, ethics, and morals should be taken into consideration before bringing in technology.

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