



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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1. For teachers in grades K-12: District Expectations for the use of Canvas in the second quarter of the school year are to continue posting weekly lesson plans/newsletters in Calendar. In grades K-6, the district expectation is to create at least 1 schoolwork assignment, and/or have 1 discussion in your course. In grades 7-12, the district expectation is to create 3 or more assignments and have discussions in courses. At all grade levels, the expectation is to place student resources, such as web links, YouTube clips, documents, etc., in to Canvas Pages or Modules. If you have questions, please contact any Tech Coach.



2. For all administrators and teachers interested in using coding Apps or programs in their classroom or school: A [report from Burning Glass](#), a job market analytics firm, showed there were 7 million coding job openings in 2015 in the U.S. They also found that programming jobs overall are growing 12% faster than the market average. However, they also discovered that the market percentage may go down as much as 8% due to outsourcing of those coding jobs to other countries, such as China and India. Please check out this link to [coding Apps list at CommonSense Media](#), which provides 31 different coding Applications, the cost (most of which are free), their rating, grade-level appropriateness, and platform.



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3. For all teachers or administrators utilizing Social Media: Many people have heard that EACS has adopted a Social Media policy, and many have noticed an impressive increase in EACS's Facebook presence, at both the district and building level. It is EACS's recommendation that Facebook and Twitter be used as the acceptable social media tools within the district, either at the building level or even with classroom teachers or sports teams, as long as the use is limited to academic or athletic related business. However, EACS recommends staff **does not** utilize Instagram, Snapchat, or other Social Media Apps/Sites for academic or athletic related business.

4. For all preK, K, and grade 1 teachers: Have you wondered about some great Apps for your students? [Mrs. B's Beehive](#) is a website/blog by a San Diego teacher who has created a teacher-friendly list of the [30 Best iPad Apps for the kindergarten teacher](#). (That link jumps you to Pinterest, so it is helpful to have the Pinterest App if you are on your iPad.)

5. For all Staff: Do you know Holly Jones? Holly Jones is the Technology Coach for the Heritage K-12 campus, and New Haven Middle School. Holly is married to Raymond Jones, a NHHS graduate, and they have one child, Trey. Holly and Raymond live in Fort Wayne. Holly received her bachelor's degree from Hanover College and her master's degree from IPFW in 2014. Holly taught 7 years for FWCS before coming to EACS.



Fun technology fact: Researchers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Ames National Laboratory, Georgia Tech University, and Oregon State University, have made a major breakthrough in the 3D printing of versatile, "marine-grade" stainless steel. Used for oil pipelines, kitchen utensils, medical implants, and engine parts, with very high strength, but low ductility, this new type of 3D printed stainless steel can absorb more energy and makes objects more durable. Read more about the [article here](#).

