



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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- 1. **For teachers in grades K-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in the first quarter of the school year are to build the class, add students, and begin posting weekly lesson plans/newsletters in Calendar.
- 2. **For all teachers of English language learners:** English-language learners are a growing and important focus area for EACS K–12 schools. Teachers are looking for effective ways to support these learners and help them achieve. They’re discovering that iPad is the ideal device for personalizing learning and strengthening language skills to ensure student success. This link will take you to an Apple-supported website with a plethora of hints, apps, tips, and resources: [Resources for ELL Teachers](#)

- 3. **For all Staff with email:** Have you ever received emails from people/companies you don’t know and probably should not trust? (We all have…) **This is SPAM, and could potentially lead to malware, a virus, or Ransomware.** Here is the correct procedure for [Handling Spam email](#). Please remember that **WILL ALWAYS COME** from the domain anything the district sends out “@eacs.k12.in.us”. To block spam emails, please re-direct emails to Shay Pape at spape@eacs.k12.in.us



- 4. **For all Staff who have an Allen County Public Library, or other Library Card:** Have you ever heard of the Hoopla App? Free in the App Store here: [Hoopla](#) is a groundbreaking digital media service offered by your local public libraries allowing you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV! With no waiting, titles can be streamed immediately, or downloaded to phones or tablets for offline enjoyment later. There are hundreds of thousands of titles to choose from, with more being added daily. Hoopla is like having your public library at your fingertips. Special thanks to Lori Fendel for this one. **Please note:** this is a 12+ rated App, and so students cannot access/use Hoopla. This is only for Staff.



- 5. **For all K-2 teachers (or maybe even higher):** Have you heard of ABC Mouse? (Most have) Well, ABC Mouse is currently free for educators (as of October 5th). ABC Mouse is a comprehensive early learning system that supports teachers and empowers young learners. (plus, look how cute that logo is…) Please create your free account here: <https://www.abcmouse.com/teacher-registration> You can also email or print a letter to parents, setting up at home access as well! Special thank to Sharron Kumle for this one.

Fun technology fact (and this is great content for teachers of writing): Did you know that Disney Pixar follows a rule chart for its storytelling? Tweeted out by Pixar writer Emma Coates a while back, the [Pixar Rules for Storytelling](#) give the reader 22 rules to follow when creating a great, well-flowing story with interesting characters. The story of Up’s Carl and Ellie is considered one of the great love stories in a movie, **AND HAS NO DIALOGUE!** (More content appears if you have the Pinterest App on you iPad or Phone.

