

## Technology

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In this day and age, technology is all around us and is used all the time. My generation is very in tune with technology. We have cell phones, iPods, or laptops. I can guarantee that there is a not a day when we don't use technology. Just walk into the high school and there are students texting away in the commons, surfing the internet in the IMC, and making documentaries in class. Technology is now a part of our lives as much as eating food is.

Besides just using technology for fun, it has proved to be a great resource for high school students. Over 75 percent of activities we do in school involve some type of technology. All of my classes have document cameras. These cameras have been so useful that I can't even imagine going back to the old projectors. In drawing class, our teacher can actually show us how to draw a figure or use a drawing utensil without having us push and shove to gather around one desk. Without these cameras, it would take us more time to learn a new drawing technique than actually applying it to our art projects. The cameras have also created a different learning environment in Biology. Because the document cameras can zoom in and out, dissecting animals has become less confusing. No matter how many packets of pictures you are given, the inside of a fetal pig always looks different in real life. When looking at the inside of a fetal pig you get confused at what things are and you always want to ask the teacher. The problem is that there is one teacher and ten other students wanting to ask a question about their pig. With the document cameras, our Biology teacher can explain the inside of the pig to all of us at one time. With the introduction of document cameras, learning has become more efficient and has allowed us to learn more quickly.

Another piece of technology I use almost as much as document cameras is a flip camera. I am in our school's Student Council and we are always putting on events. To advertise those events we have tried posters, fliers, and announcements. The one type of advertisement that works the best is video announcements. They are different, funny and catch everyone's attention. As a student council, the easiest way for us to make video announcements is by using a flip camera. We can shoot tons of short clips and then compile them into a commercial on the computers. Being in the classroom getting lectured all day can be boring, but our commercials provide a brief break in the day for the students to laugh at our silly commercials while getting our message across.

Technology has changed our lives. It provides entertainment but it also makes things more efficient. Honestly, it is hard to imagine learning without technology because it plays such a big part in how we learn new things.