



USD 487 Tech Bytes

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Save a Tree!

Having a computer does little good if you cannot print the assignments as requested. Student computers were all issued with the high school library printer set as the default printer.

The current challenge is students are printing numerous documents to the library, but never retrieving the print job. **PLEASE** print only what you need and pick up what you print.

If you need to add classroom printers to your computer, click on the "I-Print" icon on the desktop. Select the printer you want to add and choose to install. Most of the high school classrooms have networked printers that can be used by students. Remember to check where you are printing before you click OK.

If you have difficulties with this, contact any of the Tech Support Team.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)...

Next week will begin the fall testing for Herington students. Tests will be given to evaluate academic progress in the reading, math, and science areas. While students at the High School all having laptops makes testing easier in some respects, it also creates some challenges.

In order to make sure testing goes smoothly, students are asked to make sure they bring their laptops and their ac adapter to school daily. If there are problems with the laptop, please report it to the tech department as soon as possible.

Teachers will need to log in to the testing site and enter the test information, so students are asked to present their laptop at the start of the period they are scheduled to test. Computers should be started, but not logged in to the network.

Once testing is completed, students are asked to close the computer lid and wait quietly until others have completed testing.

Bulging Bags...

A quick review of laptops for all students in grades 9 thru 11 revealed a couple of common concerns that students need to consider.

1. Many of the laptop bags examined did not have the Velcro strap intended to secure the computer in the bag fastened. While it may seem unimportant, one student has already had a computer fall out of a bag that was picked up while the zipper was open. The computer and the student survived this time. The intent of the strap is to keep the equipment safe. Please use it!
2. The laptop bags seem to be an easy place to stash things you want to take from class to class. Unfortunately this can lead to overcrowding and damage to the laptop screen. Too much pressure on a laptop screen will cause cracks and lines in the screen, making it difficult to use. Repairs to the screens are expensive and inconvenient. Carry your books, pens, pencils and whatever else separate from the laptop bag. Its intent is to keep your laptop safe!

Key Websites:

Herington Schools

www.heringtonschools.org

School Library

books.usd487.org

Grades Online

Connect via link on the district website

E-mail

mail.usd487.org

