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SOFTWARE PROBLEMS....

A key purpose of this publication is to keep students up to date on common problems and fixes for the netbooks. This can include reminders as well as new discoveries about problems experienced by users.

This week has brought a reminder to the forefront as students have added software to their netbooks. It is important that you check with support staff prior to any software installs. This avoids conflicts and possible times where the netbook will not work and licensure problems.

Students who have installed Firefox may not be able to use I-print to add printers to their computer. This may not be the only conflict created, but it is certainly one worth noting. This keeps you from adding printers that you may need to complete your assignments. Internet Explorer is the browser that has been tested to assure compatibility with the tools on the laptop. Addition of other browsers is not recommended.

It is always a surprise when new software is installed and it causes programs to stop working. If there is an educational purpose for the software, the tech staff will do its best to test it prior to the install and to confirm that it will not cause conflicts. If you have installed software that has not received prior approval, it is recommended that you remove it. Laptop audits are being done weekly and the software will be removed and reported to the building administrator. Repeated violations will require disciplinary action.

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HOMEWORK KANSAS

Have you ever been working on a homework assignment in the evening and needed help? Teacher are not available at that time, friends just as lost? What is the solution?

Homework Kansas is a link on the KanEd desktop that provides a ready link to live tutors for key subjects such as Math, English, Science and Social Studies. There is even a place to submit a document for review by a live English Tutor.

To access this tool you will need to log in to your KanEd Desktop. If you have forgotten your login, contact any of your teachers or Jon Utech. All students should have an account and password. Lots of tools are on the Desktop, including Google Safe Search, The WorldBook Encyclopedia, and Atomic Learning to name just a few. This login also gives you access to your Digital Backpack where you can store files you need to access from home or anywhere when disconnected from the High School network.

Key Websites:

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