

## Technology in Mrs. Kilbourn's Classroom

Eighth grade students are expected to “think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy<sup>1</sup>,” which, in today’s communication, involves digital literacy. As an International Baccalaureate school, we value the global connections that can be made with technology. When available, we will use school-provided technology for a variety of tasks. In my class, personal technology in class is not expected or required, but if it is present and available, I plan to guide my students in utilizing it as an instructional tool. The ability to use technology in class is a privilege, and I will hold students to certain expectations, which are explained in the Tech Contract (attached).

In order to be prepared to use personal devices in class, please consider downloading the following apps:

**Google Classroom**



**Nearpod**



**Socrative Student**



**Remind**



**Quizlet**



**Mackinvia**



**Kahoot**



**Quizizz**



**Flipgrid**



**Outlook**



I will likely request more free educational apps throughout the school year, but will do my best to give you advanced notice.

<sup>1</sup> TEKS Subchapter 110.24.a1

Scan this QR code to see how Mrs. Kilbourn plans to use mobile devices as educational tools.



# Kilbourn Tech Contract

**Students, please read and indicate your agreement with the following statements:**

- A. I will follow the guidelines set forth in the HISD Responsible Use Guidelines
  - 1. Keep personal information and passwords private.
  - 2. Be courteous and respectful.
  - 3. Understand that my digital footprint may affect my future opportunities.
- B. I will follow classroom rules for my device set forth by Mrs. Kilbourn in class.
- C. My device and I will be on task in class, using apps and websites relevant to the assignment, and I am aware of the off-task consequences:
  - 1. **FIRST OFFENSE:** Students will be encouraged to use self-control and remove the distraction.
  - 2. **SECOND OFFENSE:** Mrs. Kilbourn will help remove the distraction by holding the phone securely at her desk until the end of class.
  - 3. **THIRD OFFENSE:** Mrs. Kilbourn will meet with the student to discuss possible solutions.
  - 4. **FOURTH OFFENSE:** Mrs. Kilbourn will discuss possible solutions together with the parent and student.
- D. I will ask permission before taking photos or videos of someone at Lanier MS, and will seek approval before sharing any images of that person.
- E. While at school, I will not use my device to access songs, games, or other materials that are not school-appropriate. I will choose a non-offensive lock screen and homepage image.
- F. While at school, I will remain on the HISD WiFi to avoid using data and possibly incurring any financial harm on my parents who have generously provided this device.
- G. Mrs. Kilbourn understands this is your personal device and will request, but not require you to install apps, bookmark websites, etc. on your device. She will not require you to purchase apps for your device.
- H. I take full responsibility for the security of my device while I am at school. I will not share my device with others. The school and Mrs. Kilbourn are not responsible for my device getting lost or damaged.

**Parents, please read and indicate your agreement with the following statements:**

- I. I understand that my student is **not required** to have a personal device in Mrs. Kilbourn's class, but that using the device as an instructional tool is optional.
- J. By allowing my student to bring their device to school, I am assuming responsibility for any **loss or damage** to the device.
- K. I allow my student to **create accounts** on websites or apps for use in school activities (for example, apps/websites such as Quizlet, Flocabulary, ThingLink, Adobe, etc.)
- L. I allow my student to **post projects or submissions online** that will sometimes be accessible to the public (for example, apps/websites such as Adobe Spark, YouTube, Animoto, FlipGrid, Padlet, etc.)
- M. I will **support and supervise** my student's responsible use of their email and device as educational tools while at home and will discuss any concerns with Mrs. Kilbourn as they arise.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date