
Arlington Public Schools - September 2026

District Technology Report

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Our current network security devices are effectively maintaining our safety. Updating our network security devices will be reviewed multiple times throughout the year to adjust for network requirements and constantly changing methods of security breaches. Software and hardware recommendations will be given based on ESU3, ALICAP, and Homeland security requirements.

- Computer to student ratio is 1:1.
- Authorized purchase of 200 new iPads, prices have changed prior to purchase.
- All 3rd-6th grade classrooms have a laptop cart running as Chromebooks.
- Students in 7th-12th grade have a school issued laptop that is stored in a cart in their last class. They pick up their computer prior to the start of school and return it to the charging cart in their last class.
- Current Freshmen have received new Chromebooks to have for their years in high school.
- All other MS/HS students have laptops that run as Chromebooks.
- All Chromebooks are managed through Google Workspace by Mr. Larson.
- Two static labs of 25+ desktop computers in business classrooms. Computers and monitors were replaced in 2025.
- Microsoft Office 365 is now available to all high school students and staff. This allows students to access OneDrive to work on files locally in a static lab or via the web.
- Clever has been implemented in all grades, heavily in the elementary classes. This allows students to sign in once (SSO) to give them access to multiple classroom applications.
- Currently 58 wireless access points across the district.
- Cameras and Point to Point network communications were updated and installed in 2025 for the entire campus.
- The telephone system was replaced by Hamilton Telecommunications in late 2025 to address our outdated limited telephone system. We currently host our independent system porting our current telephone number through Fastwyre.

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- PowerSchool continues to serve as our SMS (Student Management System). We have bi-monthly meetings with NebPS that allow us to effectively use the system. Shelly Miller and Cindy Martens attend all meetings to voice concerns and improve the system's effectiveness.
 - Canvas is the primary LMS (Learning Management System) and teachers in grade 7-12 are posting grades in Canvas to automatically sync with PowerSchool overnight.
 - The local APS servers are currently being backed up nightly to remote ESU3 storage.