# Kentucky's K-12 **Digital Readiness**



We are headed toward greater and more meaningful digital interactions between family, school and community. We believe digital and future-ready foundations can:

- Help empower student personalized learning experiences and preparedness for college and the workforce
- Increase teacher productivity and digital workflows
- Enhance communications and invaluable collaboration
- Expand data enhanced decision making, and provide a robust infrastructure for endless possibilities



**Digitally Ready Learning Environments** 

Digital access at school and at home helps us understand how "plugged in" and "connected" our learners are during the school day and beyond. Students without access to technology in school and at home are less likely to engage in 21st century learning skills. Ease of access is a precursor to the desired shifts in student outcomes powered by digital tools and resources. Strategies such as 1:1 and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) are being adopted across Kentucky to help meet this need.



### 100%

of Kentucky K-12 public schools and district offices are connected by the most reliable, highest speed and quality fiber internet services in the country.



School fiber internet total usage increased **+247%** over the past 24 months\* while maintaining uptime of

99.98% \*October 2020-October 2022



of students have internet access for school work beyond school campus



of students report internet access at home



of students feel as though their school encourages technology use for learning



of teachers rate the speed of Internet at their schools as Average or Above Average

Greater than 332 kilobytes per second bandwidth per student available through statewide fiber network service.

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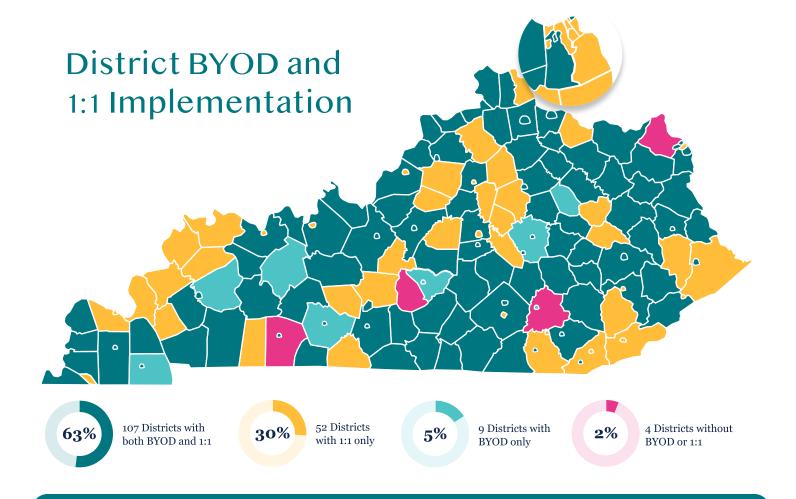
Student to digital device ratio that's better than 1 device per student

Down .04 compared to last school year

970,000

Student instructional devices

1,110,351 Student and staff devices





100% of schools provide Wi-Fi access to students.

Of these, **99%** of schools have implemented dense Wi-Fi networks capable of supporting BYOD or 1:1 initiatives.

## Digitally Empowered Learners

Strong online skills, such as confidence using shared digital workspaces, have been correlated with increased collaboration in the classroom.

Students can think about concepts and interactions in more varied ways with the affordances of multimedia and multimodal representations.

Students who have access to computers and the Internet are more likely to use technology more frequently and have better technology skills.



## **Digital Communicator**

**68**%

of students are asked to write online regularly during the school year. 69%

of students are asked to post and/or share their work online.

## **Digital Designer**

88%

of students use technology to demonstrate knowledge by creating videos, slide presentations, art, music, podcasts, etc. **78**%

of students are asked to use digital tools to conduct experiments and/or take measurements.

## **Digital Collaborator**

Developing a level of comfort with digital collaboration outside of school helps students be more successful when collaborating with classmates, teachers, and other experts.



**85**%

of students are asked to collaborate using online documents. **68**%

of students are asked to work with other classmates online.

>53%

of students in Kentucky utilize technology to engage with experts outside of the classroom

## **Digital Citizen**

Students recognize the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of living, learning and working in an interconnected digital world; act and model in ways that are safe, legal and ethical.

87%

of student say their teachers talk with them about how to act respectfully while online. 71% AREA FOR IMPROVEMENT

of students say their classmates always or usually treat each other with respect when collaborating online.

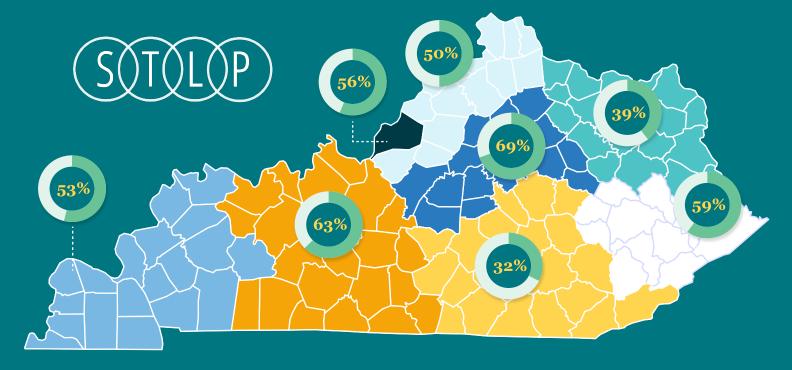
Less than **5.2%** say their classmates never treat each other with respect.

**97**%

of districts report having a strategic plan for teaching digital citizenship skills.

90% of students are easily able to find out if online content is trustworthy.





Percentages represent the number of schools in the region reporting an active STLP

Greater than **50,000** students from **751** schools in **129** districts.



program integrated into content



after school program or club only

## Digitally Empowered Educators

Teachers with strong foundational skills are able to handle administrative classroom tasks easily, including attendance and grading. Further, teachers who are confident in their ability to use foundational skills are often able to use them when learning new online and multimedia skills.

## **Digital Learning Designer**

Educators design engaging, learner-centered digital learning experiences and environments enabled by high quality digital content and resources providing student voice, choice and path.

How are Kentucky's teachers frequently engaging with students for instructional purposes?



#### 88%

of teachers have students use a device for learning at least a few times weekly.



#### **75%**

of teachers create and utilize instructional videos, discussion board posts, use digital curriculum, or lead online learning experiences.



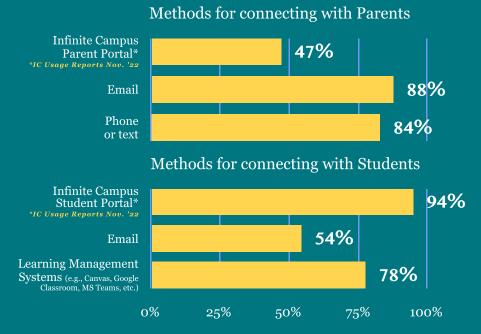
#### 81%

of teachers create digital resources such as instructional videos, hyperdocs, choiceboards.



#### 84%

of teachers facilitate digital content usage by students through educational apps and websites. Kentucky's
Educators Use a
Variety of Ways to
Stay Connected
with Students and
Their Families



94% say communicating with students in-person happens most frequently.



KY is cited as a **top 3** state in teachers accessing and using quality data to raise achievement for all students (Data Quality Campaign).

## **Digital Learning Collaborator**

Educators are intentional to collaborate with peers, students, and experts outside the school to improve practice, discover and share resources and ideas, and solve problems.



#### 71%

of teachers report using social media, blog posts, etc. as a means of informal professional learning to discover new ideas and improve digital teaching practices.



#### **75%**

of teachers collaborate with other teachers to design learning experiences using technology.



97%

of teachers have access to a part or full-time digital learning coach (DLC).

Third year in a row with an increase in both fulltime and part-time DLC roles and positions.

**1,034** Library Media Specialists employed at the district or school level. Of these, **83%** report intentional collaboration and support of digital strategies for teaching and learning.



92%

of teachers feel highly confident managing students who are using technology.

79%

feel learning is more engaging when using technology.

## **Digitally Empowered School Leader**

81%

97

of school leadership feel strongly that they encourage teachers to try new 92%

of school building leaders report regularly discussing technology during teacher evaluations.

## **Tech Trends**

of school leadership feel learning is

they're using technology.

more engaging for our students when

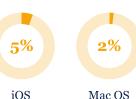
**1,176** large-scale, organized network attacks aimed at denying internet access to all Kentucky schools and districts were successfully mitigated.

things with technology.

## School Digital Device Footprint

79%

14%





Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding

Chrome

Windows

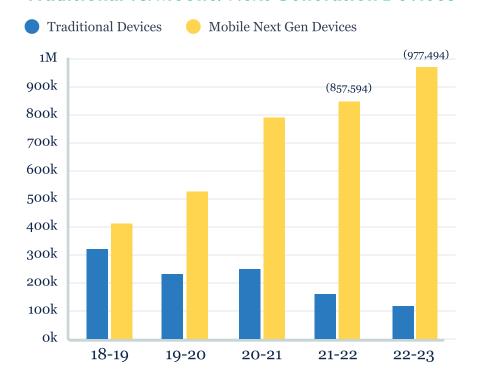
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Mac OS

Android

97% of districts are using Google for Education. Of these, greater than 83% integrated with Office 365 & Active Directory. More than **4 Billion** unauthorized connection attempts against school networks are blocked annually by statewide security services.

#### Traditional vs. Mobile/ Next Generation Devices



### **Online & Virtual Learning**

**88%** of districts report students taking online or virtual courses. Of these, **74%** offer a full-time enrollment option.

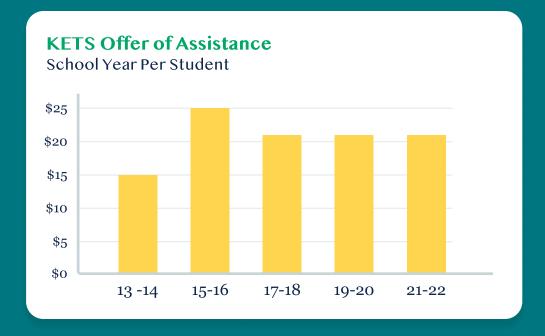
45 districts offer online or virtual courses to students in other districts.

### **Learning Management System**

**92%** of districts sponsor a learning management system (LMS). The majority of adoption is with free cloud services. However, there is an upward trend toward paid solutions.

## K-12 Online Assessment

In 2022, 405,182 3rd - 12th grade students in 100% of Kentucky school districts successfully participated in high-stakes statewide testing, accounting for more than 1.6 million testing sessions - resulting in the largest and most successful online assessment efforts of its kind.





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