

1-to-1 at Home: A Parent's Guide to School-Issued Laptops and Tablets

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Summary:

The media and technologies children love and use avidly every day at home need to be available in school – not just for greater engagement in the classroom (though that is likely to happen), but also so children can learn how to function effectively in the workplaces and communities of a digital age. They need the opportunities to practise the citizenship and literacies of digital environments as part of their F-12 education: they need schools outfitted with digital media and technologies.

Managing the digital gadgets, gizmos and games that kids already own is often a challenge, and many parents find that a school-issued 1-to-1 device further disrupts an area in which there are already conflicts. 1-to-1 devices blur the lines between school and home, between work and play, between tool and toy. Many parents could use some help in setting boundaries. Topics discussed in *1-to-1 at Home* include

- parental control, filtering and monitoring software;
- downloading media;
- video sites;
- social networks
- video games;
- video, voice and text chatting; and
- ergonomics and sleep.

Written from the perspective of a family therapist who works to help families get to the heart of complicated matters, this guidebook addresses the home side of 1-to-1 programs. *1-to-1 at Home: A Parent's Guide to School-Issued Laptops and Tablets* provides the perspectives of other adults – educators and parents – who have addressed similar challenges.

Supporting Resources:

- *1-To-1 Learning: Laptop Programs That Work* (IST2554)
- *Bring Your Own Learning: Transform Instruction with Any Device* (IST1918)
- *Digital Learning for All, Now: A School Leader's Guide for 1:1 on a Budget* (CO3863)
- *ISTE's Technology Facilitation and Leadership Standards* (IST0970)

