

Parent Guide to Technology in APS

Parents have shared that they want to know more about the APS technology programs. This is a quick overview.

	Technology Program	Functionality/Purpose	Who This Applies To
Parent Programs	ParentVue	This is the tool parents use to see student data and enter information in the student database. Parents can enter emergency contacts, absences, and contact information. Parents can also see bus information, test scores and report cards through out the year. APS is not sending these reports home in paper anymore.	In elementary school, parents mostly see test reports and attendance. In middle and high school this program is very critical to monitor student grades and missing assignments. Parents will be using this K through 12 th grade. Student specific information is in ParentVue, so it is password protected. Students do not access this information.
	PeachJar	We used to send a lot of fliers in Thursday folders from the PTA, Parks and Recs and APS. Several years ago, this program was added to reduce wasted paper. Most of this information is “nice to know” as opposed to critical.	This is for parents. Students do not use this program. The Peachjar fliers can be accessed from the Campbell website. Each week, new fliers are added. The fliers are generic and not student specific.
	School Mint	Registration and Application Portal	Families that are interested in applying to VPI programs and option schools use this program.
	Where’s the Bus	Parents can track their child’s school bus location using this app.	Bus riders.

	ParentSquare	Communication platform that is used by APS, schools, teachers and families. Classroom teacher post photos and class information. Families can send and receive information in their preferred language	APS, staff and families.
Student programs	Canvas	This is the platform that connects the APS approved software and applications.	Students in elementary mostly use Canvas to access other programs. Students in middle and high school use Canvas to upload assignments and use it frequently.
	Dreambox	Dreambox is an adaptive program that teaches math skills. Teachers can assign specific lessons to students. Students might use this at school for 10-15 minutes a day.	K-5 students have an account. Students sometimes use Dreambox during math workshop as one of several tasks they have to complete during independent work time.
	Lexia	This is a research based phonics, grammar and reading program. Students work at their own level and move on only when a skill is mastered. Most students do Lexia on the ipad for 10-15 minutes a day within the 2 hour Language Arts block.	Students in K-5 begin this program in the fall. If students have met the grade level benchmark, they will stop using the program.
	Google products	Students create typed documents in Google Docs. They create slides in Google Slides. These products are shared with teachers digitally.	These programs are most heavily used in 4th and 5th grade. Students are creating longer assignments like 5 paragraph essays or presentations.

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