TechNotes

1 to 1 Learning Environment

TECH NOTES...

A monthly newsletter to communicate trends in technology integration, quick tips, useful sites, and other relevant educational technology integration information.

CURRICULUM FEATURES...

Atomic Learning provides online training and curriculum resources. These resources are short, easy to follow tutorial movies and an extensive library of curriculum resources for professional develop, lesson accelerators and assessments.
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EVENTS...

Kapālama High School Tech Bootcamp a success for Unit 9/10 teachers and staff.

MORE RESOURCES...

Next month, we will feature our new library system called "Polaris."

For more information, please contact your ITRT.

Top Stories

eBook...

What is an e-book? An e-book (short for electronic book, also written as eBook) is the digital media version of a conventional book. The pages of an eBook can be read on personal computers, laptops and other media devices. eBooks gives you instant access to content, perform searches for words and phrases instantly and protects our environment by going green. (Source: Wikipedia.org, Feb. 17, 2009)

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Why eBooks....

According to Tom Gardiee and the World History Team, eBooks are a *"slam dunk"* for the World History teachers. In our upcoming 1:1 laptop program, students will have their textbooks (eBooks) and their course materials with them 24/7, at all times as long they have internet access.

"eBooks have been a discussion among our World History teachers for some time now but no decision was made, it just didn't make sense without a 1:1 laptop environment." The 1:1 laptop environment creates a tremendous opportunity for eBooks and with rotation of replacing textbooks in the new school year it is a perfect time to make the transition to eBooks.
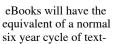
eBooks supports our teaching style, students are not bound to a textbook, rather a resource, its very interactive and it contains student assessments these are a few of the advantages. Also, eBooks have built-in tools that include a self-quiz, self-test, skill builders. presentation presenters, dictionary & encyclopedia, "cyberscout" (built-in search engines that utilizes credible resources), exam builders and audio & video clips.
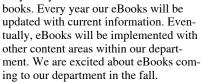
With our eBook subscription, each teacher will have their own website for their course and classes. The website contains announcements, calendar events, links to primary sources and each student will be able to login.
    ~Tom Gardipee, KHS World History

We want to prepare our students for college by having them utilize online resources such as an eBook for their classes. It's no longer a "wait & see" in our 1:1 laptop environment.

"eBooks makes sense for our World History teachers, it is 21st century learning."

eBooks will have the equivalent of a normal six year cycle of textbooks. Every year our eBooks will be updated with current information. Eventually, eBooks will be implemented with other content areas within our department. We are excited about eBooks coming to our department in the fall.
    ~Kapua Akiu-Wilcox, KHS Social Studies Department Head

For the past two years, Eric Kane has integrated eBooks with his Math curriculum. The anecdotal assessment according to Eric, *"students are engaged."*
    ~Eric Kane, KMS Math Teacher

For more information on eBooks contact your ITRT and/or your current textbook publisher for availability of eBooks.

Technology Integrated Resources

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