

# Pros and Cons of Technology Use (7/20/20)

Workshop brainstorming

Pros	Votes
Kim- Kids who normally don't participate or fit in, feel more comfortable and are participating and thriving online	2
Stephanie L I could "observe" myself in screencasts and improve my teaching.	2
Keith  -It enhances instruction that's appropriate for 21st century learning	1
Lauren-you can make tons of resources available at a click	1
Erika  Technology opens up different avenues for exploration	1
Olivia- Brings learning to a level that students connect to (technology is a major part of their world)	1
Amber- Technology can make classroom lessons more engaging when used appropriately.	1
Students can do online worksheets, receive immediate feedback, and try again many times until they feel confident with the skill. -Sonia	1
Skype/Zoom in different speakers, incorporate more diverse perspectives  - Chris D	0
Lauren: Being able to connect to others that are far away	0
Marni - Expand on new Topics learned	0
Chris G. - Technology is a great hands on learning tool.	0
Katie D- Connecting to others- for work or personal reasons	0
Anjie  provides more resources (i.e. can access materials/videos to build background knowledge for students)	0
Danny - students are reinforced and motivated by the different technology platforms.	0
Cindy - So easy to bring the outside world into the classroom/home to engage students in learning.	0
Information at your fingertips.	0

Cons	Votes
Erika Not an ideal teaching model for special education students.	4
Stephanie L . Some science labs could be done in a modified version at home, but most could not. It was tough to find ways for students to have the hands-on activities that really help with science learning.	2
Anjie- Two things: 1. Equity 2. Causes a lack of stamina/perseverance in students.	2
Lauren: Feeling like you are working 24 hours a day, you are accountable to students and admin all the time	1
Susan Can be a distraction when we aren't familiar with classroom management strategies.	1
Olivia- Expensive and not accessible to all  ABSOLUTELY!!!! I have kids who can't attend bc they're babysitting siblings -CD	1
Lauren- sitting in front of a computer is hard! Movement is needed in learning, and actual live communication is needed!	1
Marni - Can't step away, always there	1
Kim-losing emotional connection to some kids. Can't reach them if they don't feel like being online	1
Amber- Not all students have equal access to technology at home (no or slow internet, sharing devices, etc.)	1
Danny - preschoolers struggling to attend for large portions of time over a virtual class session	0
Difficulty controlling inappropriate off-task conversations, bullying - Chris D	0
Katie- Dependency on technology which leads to a lack of critical thinking skills	0
Keith  -Technology can be a crutch sometimes	0
Chris G. - Students sometimes miss the writing aspect.	0
Cindy - Not enough time to review/ learn/teach students the new apps and sites I want to use.	0

Too often replaces live communication.	0
Difficult to work with students one on one with a skill. It is harder to see their process and redirect when they are solving a problem. -Sonia	0