Computer Skills Growth Chart

This chart represents reasonable expectations of student skills which every educator should make an integral part of how the classroom functions to improve student learning.

| | E-mail & Internet | Network & Computing Skills | Word Processing | Graphics & Presentation | Spreadsheets & Databases |
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| 12 | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | Capture and utilize digitized video. | |
| 10 | | | | Save, export and import graphics in a variety of formats. | |
| 9 | Select and use appropriate search tools to find information. | Install and remove programs, such as Acrobat Reader (when allowed). | | Create a self-running presentation. Capture and utilize digitized sound. | Understands that databases consist of records and fields. |
| 8 | Manage an address book including individuals and groups. Save email and organize into folders. Organize bookmarks. | Basic troubleshooting. | | Resize or crop graphics. | Can use absolute and relative addressing in spreadsheets. Can use Boolean techniques to search. (AND, OR) |
| 7 | Send and read attachments. Search for information using teacher-selected tools, such as Searchopolis or Studyweb. | Navigate file system (local and network). | Use outline tools. | Capture a picture to the computer using a digital camera or scanner. | Can format and print a worksheet. (page setup) |
| 6 | Create bookmarks and use them as navigation tools. | Manage directories Use search or find to locate a file or program. | Add headers, footers, and page numbers to documents. Flow text around an image or table. Use grammar check. Find and replace. | | Can replicate formulas across a row or down a column. Can create graphs and charts from data. |
| 5 | Send, reply, forward and cc an email independently. | Multitask by switching among open windows. Log on to the network using a student name according to local policy. Copy, cut and paste between windows or documents. | Format page layout (margins, tabs, orientation, page breaks). Create a table. Use a thesaurus. | Create a multimedia presentation using a blank document. Use animation and transitions to enhance a presentation. | Can create simple formulas. Can format data. (decimal places percentage format, etc.) Can search a database by specifying the value oparticular fields. |
| 4 | Enter a URL to reach a site. Search for information using teacher-selected sites. | Minimize, maximize and restore windows. Make folders. | Edit text (cut, copy, paste, move). Create bulleted or numbered list. | | Can use a spreadsheet to do simple calculations. (sum, average, etc.) Can insert and delete rows and columns. |
| 3 | | Launch a program using a menu. Create, open and close a file. Save to and retrieve a file. | Format text (size, font, style, color, alignment). Use spell check and dictionary. | Insert clipart or a graphic into a document. Reorder slides in a presentation. | Can perform arithmetic calculation in a spreadsheet. (add, subtract, multiply, divide). Can sort data. |
| 2 | Use bookmarks to reach teacher-selected sites. | Print from within a program. | Edit by inserting and deleting. Key in a paragraph with word wrap, capital letters, and punctuation. | Draw and manipulate a picture using a graphics program. | Can locate a spreadsheet cell by it row and column address. Can adjust sizes of rows and columns. |
| 1 | Use the browser navigation tools (back, forward, refresh, stop). | Handle CDs, discs and other media appropriately. | Understand cursor placement. Key in phrases or sentences with proper spacing. | | Can enter and edit text and numeric data |
| K | Follow a link. | Use a mouse. Start up and shut down a computer properly. Launch a program from an icon. | Key in letters to form words. | | |