

Introduction:

Ever since the invention of computers, the use of them in schools has been a huge debate of whether or not they're a good option. In all of the articles given to us, there are a lot of claims and information to support both sides of the argument. Some of the texts seem to be slightly biased or sway one way more than the other, but the information they give is still valid. Even though there is a mix of support and disagreement throughout the articles, it's possible to pick a side and stick with it. The best option in my opinion is to continue the use of computers and all things tech related in schools.

Body Paragraph 1:

Before I start, it seems important to mention that technology is already in classrooms and will continue to be integrated no matter what we do. But in my opinion, this feels like the best option anyways. Document 3 also seems like they're for the idea of these advancements. The text gave many examples of positive outcomes due to the use of Chromebooks and laptops. One of these examples was the cost of textbooks versus laptops. Textbooks cost the city of New York \$100 million a year, while purchasing tablets would be \$500 million. It's a lot more money, but if you think about how long tablets will last compared to new textbooks every year, it's worth it. The article also talks about how expensive textbooks are per student. Having to buy a \$70 textbook is a lot more than a \$40 laptop that you can use for up to 6 years. Some people will argue that you get to keep the book forever once you buy it, but there's no need for that. You more than likely won't need to use a highschool textbook any later than college so there's no use in buying an expensive one.

Body Paragraph 2:

Text 2 gives a lot more cons to computers in classrooms, but they also give some really good reasons as to why using them is beneficial. One of these major reasons is that computers are used for most things we do today. "We use them to communicate with friends and family, to organise our lives, and to learn and find new information." There are very few people today that don't use a computer in one of these ways on a daily basis. Most people use computers and other things at work. Not being able to properly maneuver and use these electronics can lead to a big struggle, but learning to use them in school can prevent this. Once you know how to work the computers, you'll be able to look things up in seconds. "...new information can be added as soon as it happens. Thanks to this, students can find the most accurate and updated information for whichever subject they are studying." The information you find on the internet is wildly accurate due to how fast it gets put out. Not always, but if you know how to decipher fact from fiction, it makes it very easy to find recent events and all of the facts about it.

Counterargument:

Many people claim that computers and websites give you false information. Although there are definitely some websites that give you information that isn't necessarily true but most people know how to spot it. Also, a lot of the information people say is false is just new. This on the internet gets updated 24/7, and as beliefs and values change as we grow as a society, so do facts. This differs from textbooks where a lot of the information in them was written 50 or so years ago. At 15, talking to any older person about sexuality will prove that we have different views on things. This isn't always the person's fault, a lot of it is because of what they were taught. The same teachings are in a lot of textbooks, but not always online. With the younger people in school being exposed to the internet where you can listen to people talk about their views and beliefs, it gives them more freedom to make their own opinions. Everyone should be able to have their own opinions and technology, whether it be social media or formal documents, gives people the opportunity to do so.

Conclusion:

Today, the use of computers and technology is growing more than ever. Many people aren't used to these advancements and try to argue that they're impacting people negatively. There are other people who argue that technology does a lot of good in everyday life. Both beliefs are valid, but I have to take the side of the people who are for computers in the classroom. The use of these machines has been increasing drastically ever since they were invented. It's only going to grow as technology evolves so we might as well get used to it now.

