

Tablets should replace textbooks. They offer more opportunities to students and make it easier on the teachers. They offer more opportunities for communication and more up to date information outlets. Many schools are wondering if tablets are something that should be used. Even though tablets are expensive they are the future of education and worth the money spent.

Tablets are inevitable but let's talk about the facts and effect as debated by students in the article "Texts or Textbooks? Elementary Students Take One of the Great Tech Debates of our Time?." This article argued why tablets should be used instead of textbooks. One student said "on a typical day I walk to school with 15 pound on my back." Another student argued that we don't need to waste so much paper on school books when a tablet can hold so much more without a piece of paper being wasted. For exact words "'Killing trees is not the solution.' She also said "Tablets are the future." Pointing out that whether we like it or not technology will and has entered the classroom. Furthermore, in the same article Henry Keller argued that textbooks often have outdated information. He also cited a study that showed students who used tablets had 20% higher grades. Tablets have more to offer instead of spending 140 hundred dollars on a graphing calculator and lugging around five binders it's all in one place. It also saves resources.

In another article "Schools shift from textbooks to tablets" argues that tablets offer more than textbooks. The article explained how students used tablets to track a storm using more advanced technology than if they had been using textbooks. Or how students can change the language on their tablets so that people who are fluent in other languages can help them better at home. Tablets offer more opportunities to students and teaching.

To further this point in the article called "Should Textbooks be Replaced by Notebook Computers" it talks about how using computers



in the classroom helps students learn how to use technology at an early age. “Learning through computers is an opportunity for students to learn how to use computers for the rest of their lives. Giving students the opportunity at a young age can set them up for success in the future.” Another point made is that computers can keep an updated schedule in real time which helps students find more accurate and up to date information. So overall technology has more to offer than a textbook.

Of course there are many arguments against this. In one article “Tablets Should Not Replace Textbooks,” it talks about maintenance for the tablet. It mentions how the average battery life of a tablet is 7.26 hours. Students could potentially say they forgot or lost their charger to get out of work. However students have phones and other electronics that they need chargers for and this problem could be easily avoided. It also talks about a “digital divide” between the different wealth classes. There is always going to be a divide because of money. Simple things like sports equipment or instruments for a band is enough to effect performance. That divide is not something that can be changed and instead we should focus on how to get the schools what they need and not if one school has better technology.

