

Peru Public Schools Community/Home Technology Survey 2009-10 Results

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Survey Overview

Description

Peru Public Schools

Community/Parent Technology Survey 2009

Instructions Provided To Respondents

Answer questions as they relate to you. For most answers, check the boxes most applicable.

Respondent Metrics

Respondents: 232

First Response: 11/30/2009 04:33 PM

Last Response: 12/21/2009 09:24 PM

Survey Results

The following is a tabular depiction of the responses to each survey question. Additional comments provided by respondents, if any, are included after each table.

Section - Personal Access and Use Part I

1. Grade(s) that my child(ren) is (are) enrolled in:

13.0%	48	3rd Grade
11.6%	43	7th Grade
10.8%	40	Pre-K
10.5%	39	2nd Grade
10.0%	37	Kindergarten
9.7%	36	6th Grade
9.2%	34	5th Grade
8.9%	33	1st Grade
8.9%	33	4th Grade
7.3%	27	8th Grade

2. Do you have one or more computers (includes laptops) at home?

50.9%	118	Yes, I have a computer at home.
35.3%	82	I have multiple computers at home.
13.8%	32	No, I do not have a computer at this time.

3. If you have one or more computers:

79.7%	185	I own a Windows computer.
16.4%	38	This question does not apply to me.
3.0%	7	I own both a Windows and an Apple computer.
0.9%	2	I own an Apple computer.

4. Do you have high speed access to the Internet at home? (such as DSL, Cable, etc.)

82.3%	191	Yes, I have high speed Internet access.
16.4%	38	I do not have Internet access at home.
1.3%	3	I have access to the internet, but it is via a dial-up connection.

5. Please check all the places that you have access to the Internet on a regular basis. (At least once per week)

34.0%	192	Home
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22.7%	128	Work
11.7%	66	Friend/Relative
11.5%	65	On Cell Phone
9.9%	56	Public Library
6.4%	36	Your child's school- computer lab/classroom.
2.1%	12	No access
1.6%	9	Coffee Shop/Public wireless hotspot

6. On average, how often do you use technology at home?

44.8%	104	1-2 hours a day
31.9%	74	Less than 1 hour a day
16.8%	39	3-5 hours a day
6.5%	15	Over 5 hours a day

7. On average, how often do you use technology at work?

34.9%	81	Less than 1 hour a day
31.5%	73	Over 5 hours a day
19.4%	45	3-5 hours a day
14.2%	33	1-2 hours a day

8. On average, how often does your child use technology at home?

53.9%	125	Less than 1 hour a day
40.5%	94	1-2 hours a day
5.6%	13	3-5 hours a day

9. Overall, I feel I have good computer skills.

52.2%	121	Agree
34.5%	80	Strongly Agree
10.3%	24	Disagree
3.0%	7	Strongly Disagree

10. In general, I have a good overall knowledge of technology. (cameras, phones, games, etc.)

59.9%	139	Agree
28.9%	67	Strongly Agree
10.3%	24	Disagree
0.9%	2	Strongly Disagree

Section - Personal Access and Use Part II

Instructions Provided To Respondents

Personal Technology Use - Check one or two responses for each of the following:
(For example: You may select 'Seldom Used' and 'Would like to learn more about')

11. Email

78.8%	186	Frequently Used
11.0%	26	Seldom Used
6.4%	15	Never Used
3.0%	7	Would like to learn more about
0.8%	2	Don't know what this is

12. Word Processing

51.3%	121	Frequently Used
29.2%	69	Seldom Used
15.7%	37	Never Used
2.5%	6	Would like to learn more about
1.3%	3	Don't know what this is

13. Spreadsheets

33.6%	80	Never Used
33.2%	79	Seldom Used
24.4%	58	Frequently Used
5.9%	14	Would like to learn more about
2.9%	7	Don't know what this is

14. Presentation/Video Software

40.3%	96	Never Used
37.8%	90	Seldom Used
11.3%	27	Frequently Used
8.8%	21	Would like to learn more about
1.7%	4	Don't know what this is

15. Blogs/Wikis

54.3%	127	Never Used
25.6%	60	Seldom Used
11.1%	26	Frequently Used
5.6%	13	Would like to learn more about
3.4%	8	Don't know what this is

16. Facebook

45.6%	108	Frequently Used
34.2%	81	Never Used
16.5%	39	Seldom Used
3.0%	7	Would like to learn more about
0.8%	2	Don't know what this is

17. Digital Camera

74.0%	174	Frequently Used
17.9%	42	Seldom Used
6.0%	14	Never Used
2.1%	5	Would like to learn more about

18. Websites - Internet Searching

79.3%	188	Frequently Used
12.7%	30	Seldom Used
4.2%	10	Never Used
3.8%	9	Would like to learn more about

19. Gaming

36.1%	84	Seldom Used
33.5%	78	Never Used
27.0%	63	Frequently Used
2.1%	5	Would like to learn more about
1.3%	3	Don't know what this is

20. PDA's

55.0%	127	Never Used
18.2%	42	Seldom Used
12.6%	29	Frequently Used
10.4%	24	Don't know what this is
3.9%	9	Would like to learn more about

21. Text Messaging

65.7%	153	Frequently Used
19.7%	46	Seldom Used
13.3%	31	Never Used
1.3%	3	Would like to learn more about

22. Cell Phone

91.8%	212	Frequently Used
8.2%	19	Seldom Used

23. Smart Phone (iPhone; BlackBerry)

59.7%	138	Never Used
24.7%	57	Frequently Used
11.7%	27	Seldom Used
3.5%	8	Would like to learn more about
0.4%	1	Don't know what this is

24. Mp3 Player

40.0%	94	Frequently Used
28.9%	68	Seldom Used
28.1%	66	Never Used
2.6%	6	Would like to learn more about
0.4%	1	Don't know what this is

25. Video Camera

48.1%	112	Seldom Used
36.1%	84	Frequently Used
15.0%	35	Never Used
0.9%	2	Would like to learn more about

Section - School Connection Part I

Instructions Provided To Respondents

I use the following School District Web Pages/Online Services:

26. Online Grades

34.9%	81	Weekly
22.0%	51	3-4 times a year
16.8%	39	Daily
15.1%	35	Monthly
11.2%	26	Never Use

27. Lunch Account Information

41.4%	96	Weekly
22.4%	52	3-4 times a year
18.1%	42	Monthly
10.8%	25	Never Use
7.3%	17	Daily

28. Lunch Menu

41.8%	97	Monthly
21.1%	49	3-4 times a year
17.7%	41	Weekly
10.8%	25	Never Use
8.6%	20	Daily

29. Teacher Web Pages

31.0%	72	Weekly
29.7%	69	Monthly
24.6%	57	3-4 times a year
9.1%	21	Never Use
5.6%	13	Daily

30. School specific activites/pictures

33.6%	78	Weekly
31.0%	72	Monthly
22.4%	52	3-4 times a year
9.1%	21	Never Use
3.9%	9	Daily

31. School/District Calendars

42.7%	99	Monthly
28.0%	65	Weekly
19.0%	44	3-4 times a year
7.3%	17	Never Use
3.0%	7	Daily

32. Student Activities - Athletics, Music Concerts, etc.

35.3%	82	Monthly
26.7%	62	Weekly
23.7%	55	3-4 times a year
10.3%	24	Never Use
3.9%	9	Daily

33. Curriculum and Assessment Information

36.6%	85	3-4 times a year
24.1%	56	Weekly
22.8%	53	Monthly
11.6%	27	Never Use
4.7%	11	Daily

34. Technology Resources

47.0%	109	3-4 times a year
24.1%	56	Monthly
14.2%	33	Never Use
12.1%	28	Weekly
2.6%	6	Daily

35. Driving Directions

65.1%	151	3-4 times a year
14.2%	33	Monthly
13.8%	32	Never Use
5.6%	13	Weekly
1.3%	3	Daily

36. Board of Education Agendas and Minutes

63.4%	147	3-4 times a year
18.1%	42	Monthly
15.1%	35	Never Use
2.6%	6	Weekly

0.9%	2	Daily
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37. Homework Assignments

30.6%	71	3-4 times a year
28.9%	67	Weekly
16.8%	39	Daily
13.4%	31	Never Use
10.3%	24	Monthly

38. Student Accelerated Reader

33.6%	78	Weekly
26.3%	61	3-4 times a year
16.8%	39	Monthly
12.5%	29	Never Use
10.8%	25	Daily

39. Principal Newsletter

47.0%	109	Monthly
23.3%	54	3-4 times a year
18.1%	42	Weekly
9.9%	23	Never Use
1.7%	4	Daily

Section - School Connection Part II

Instructions Provided To Respondents

How frequent does your child use the following computer/technology applications or devices:

40. Email

45.3%	105	Never Used
28.4%	66	Seldom Used
20.3%	47	Frequently Used
6.0%	14	Does not apply to me

41. Internet Searching - Homework

45.3%	105	Frequently Used
26.3%	61	Seldom Used
23.7%	55	Never Used
4.7%	11	Does not apply to me

42. Word Processing, Spreadsheets, etc. - Homework

35.3%	82	Never Used
31.9%	74	Seldom Used
27.6%	64	Frequently Used
5.2%	12	Does not apply to me

43. Gaming - Online

43.1%	100	Frequently Used
32.8%	76	Seldom Used
21.1%	49	Never Used
3.0%	7	Does not apply to me

44. Gaming - Wii, Nintendo, etc.

58.2%	135	Frequently Used
25.9%	60	Seldom Used
14.2%	33	Never Used
1.7%	4	Does not apply to me

45. Mp3 Players - Download Music

37.5%	87	Never Used
31.9%	74	Frequently Used
25.9%	60	Seldom Used

4.7% 11 Does not apply to me

46. Video Camera

53.9% 125 Never Used
 30.2% 70 Seldom Used
 10.8% 25 Frequently Used
 5.2% 12 Does not apply to me

47. WebCam

74.1% 172 Never Used
 16.4% 38 Seldom Used
 6.5% 15 Does not apply to me
 3.0% 7 Frequently Used

48. Digital Camera

44.8% 104 Seldom Used
 26.3% 61 Never Used
 25.0% 58 Frequently Used
 3.9% 9 Does not apply to me

49. Blogs/Wiki's

73.3% 170 Never Used
 17.2% 40 Seldom Used
 6.5% 15 Does not apply to me
 3.0% 7 Frequently Used

50. Facebook/MySpace Account

67.2% 156 Never Used
 17.2% 40 Frequently Used
 9.1% 21 Seldom Used
 6.5% 15 Does not apply to me

51. Texting

41.4% 96 Never Used
 34.9% 81 Frequently Used
 19.4% 45 Seldom Used
 4.3% 10 Does not apply to me

52. Cell Phone

47.4%	110	Frequently Used
24.6%	57	Seldom Used
24.1%	56	Never Used
3.9%	9	Does not apply to me

53. Instant Messaging/Chat

64.7%	150	Never Used
15.9%	37	Frequently Used
14.2%	33	Seldom Used
5.2%	12	Does not apply to me

Section - School Connection Part III

Instructions Provided To Respondents

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about technology?

54. The use of technology is critical to the learning experience of students.

60.8%	141	Strongly Agree
33.2%	77	Agree
4.3%	10	Disagree
1.7%	4	No Opinion/Not Sure

55. Technology helps with my child's homework.

42.7%	99	Strongly Agree
39.2%	91	Agree
9.9%	23	No Opinion/Not Sure
7.8%	18	Disagree
0.4%	1	Strongly Disagree

56. My child consistently demonstrates good judgement when using the Internet.

47.8%	111	Agree
29.3%	68	Strongly Agree
19.8%	46	No Opinion/Not Sure
2.6%	6	Disagree
0.4%	1	Strongly Disagree

57. My child's computer usage is clearly monitored at home.

61.2%	142	Strongly Agree
29.7%	69	Agree
8.2%	19	No Opinion/Not Sure
0.9%	2	Disagree

58. I believe the teachers at my child's school are effectively using technology to facilitate learning in the classroom.

43.5%	101	Strongly Agree
40.5%	94	Agree
12.1%	28	No Opinion/Not Sure
2.6%	6	Disagree
1.3%	3	Strongly Disagree

59. The amount of technology equipment and applications available in Peru Public Schools is currently adequate.

40.1%	93	Agree
37.9%	88	Strongly Agree
15.5%	36	No Opinion/Not Sure
6.0%	14	Disagree
0.4%	1	Strongly Disagree

60. Do you feel that the schools are providing adequate instruction/course offerings for your child to increase their technology skills?

47.8%	111	Agree
33.2%	77	Strongly Agree
13.4%	31	No Opinion/Not Sure
5.2%	12	Disagree
0.4%	1	Strongly Disagree

61. My child's teacher(s) are willing to communicate with me via email.

62.9%	146	Strongly Agree
22.0%	51	Agree
12.9%	30	No Opinion/Not Sure
1.7%	4	Disagree
0.4%	1	Strongly Disagree

Section - School Connection IV

Instructions Provided To Respondents

For the academic needs of your child, indicate the level of importance of the following:

62. Working with assignments that incorporate technology and the Internet.

42.2%	98	High
36.2%	84	Medium
11.2%	26	Low/None
10.3%	24	No Opinion

63. Email

35.8%	83	Low/None
33.6%	78	Medium
20.7%	48	High
9.9%	23	No Opinion

64. Basic Computer Skills

82.3%	191	High
12.5%	29	Medium
3.9%	9	No Opinion
1.3%	3	Low/None

65. Use of various software applications - Word processing; Spreadsheets; Presentation software.

63.4%	147	High
22.8%	53	Medium
7.8%	18	Low/None
6.0%	14	No Opinion

66. Use of graphic design and audio/video software.

42.7%	99	Medium
38.4%	89	High
11.2%	26	Low/None
7.8%	18	No Opinion

67. Effective/Ethical uses of the Internet.

67.2%	156	High
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21.1%	49	Medium
6.0%	14	No Opinion
5.6%	13	Low/None

68. Use of technology equipment - Cameras; scanners; etc.

47.0%	109	High
33.6%	78	Medium
12.9%	30	Low/None
6.5%	15	No Opinion

69. Blogs/Wiki's

50.4%	117	Low/None
31.5%	73	Medium
14.2%	33	No Opinion
3.9%	9	High

70. Internet Safety

85.8%	199	High
6.9%	16	Medium
5.2%	12	No Opinion
2.2%	5	Low/None

Section - School Connection V

71. Among the many curricular needs facing schools today, where would you rank the importance of technology?

51.7%	120	5 (Very Important)
29.3%	68	4
15.1%	35	3
2.2%	5	2
1.7%	4	1

72. What mutual benefits have you received or would you like to receive as a result of the technology investment the school district has made?

Ability to keep track of my children's lunch accounts. It would be beneficial to be able to deposit money in their accounts via website. (0000001860 Anonymous)

Ability to keep track of my children's progress in classes & specific assignments is crucial, rather than waiting for a report card when it is too late. (0000001860 Anonymous)

Ability to keep track of schedules months in advance for pre-planning vacations & time off. (0000001860 Anonymous)

Access to text books online. Perhaps I'm not educated enough on how to access them, but in the event that a text book is not carried home that requires homework or studying for a test, I'd like my child to have the opportunity to access it online. (0000001936 Anonymous)

Beautiful computer lab at parkside...have not seen proof of further integration of technology in curriculum however. Blogging is a great way for kids to learn from each other. Try it! (0000001928 Anonymous)

children are able to communicate in many effective ways. (0000002019 Anonymous)

Communication with teachers (0000001934 Anonymous)

Communication with teachers/parents has improved with implementation of teacherease. (0000001928 Anonymous)

Community involvement/night classes being offered again would be a wonderful public service (if able to provide). (0000001840 Anonymous)

Fun educational games like Math Blaster or Sticky Bear. (0000002051 Anonymous)

Grades (0000001853 Anonymous)

Grades online!! (0000001934 Anonymous)

Having grades and lunch account online to help me keep track of both. My child also checks grades online to keep track of his own grades. (0000001967 Anonymous)

I also appreciate being able to email my child's teacher if I need to. This is another way to keep communication open between teachers and parents. (0000001875 Anonymous)

I also like that we can access info about school online and there is not the excess of paper being used. (0000001940 Anonymous)

I am a huge fan of teacher ease and the school website. I can find the info that I need without having to "bother" school personell. (0000001893 Anonymous)

I am glad to see the pictures from the school events posted on the web site, as well as the principals' newsletters, activity calendars, lunch menus and district calendar. (0000001919 Anonymous)

I appreciate being able to keep track of my child's grades online. (0000001910 Anonymous)

I appreciate that important information is posted on teachers' web pages. (0000001910 Anonymous)

I appreciate the opportunity to review my child's progress on assignments, tests, and quizzes, as well as access to their current grade average in a given subject/class. (0000001936 Anonymous)

I believe that the children should know skills such as applications that would be relative to business interests (like MS Applications) in the future, and not necessarily the things children learn on their own like blogging and videotaping and posting to social websites. I think most of this is inappropriate without adult supervision. (0000001917 Anonymous)

I benefit by being able to check grades on-line, I feel more informed about how my children are doing in their classes. (0000001995 Anonymous)

I can keep up with my children's grades to see what we need to work on more (0000001946 Anonymous)

I do see that texting is hindering my child's (and many other children and teenagers) ability to spell words correctly and hopefully the school district can address this. (0000001927 Anonymous)

I enjoy being able to communicate with the teachers via email. (0000001919 Anonymous)

I feel I can communicate with anyone at either school and vice versa if needed rather than use the phone only it is very important for parents and teachers to be in touch (0000001946 Anonymous)

I find that the ability to monitor my child's grades and reading progress has really helped us to encourage and praise him more. This also involves us in his school day. (0000001875 Anonymous)

I find that using technology to communicate with teachers makes life easier for a busy parent as well as a busy teacher. (0000001940 Anonymous)

I hope there will be a time in the future where Kindles (or Kindle like hardware) replaces the fifty pound backpack. (0000001991 Anonymous)

I just have a preschooler, but I like that more information is being provided or we are given access to it online. Saving paper is nice. (0000001859 Anonymous)

I just would like my children to learn computer skills at school. They tend to just want to play on the ones at home. The way the world is with computers, I think it is of the most important. (0000001864 Anonymous)

I like being able to communicate with the teachers' thru e-mail. It makes it alot easier. (0000002024 Anonymous)

I like that we can access homework and grades online. It aids a parent in knowing what is going on with their child. (0000001940 Anonymous)

I love getting e-mails from teachers reporting test scores and praising good work. (0000001910 Anonymous)

I love the homework listings online. (0000001991 Anonymous)

I think learning about technology is critical for the future and if exposed to/taught early enough, children have the opportunity to develop a skill or talent that will lend to future career paths. So many fields encompass technology in some way shape or form (beyond basic internet usage and word processing), such as spreadsheet formulas, graphic design, CAD/CAM, video production, etc. These skills can be applied to any career field. It's their future, let's prepare them. (0000001936 Anonymous)

I would like discounts in purchasing computers for children to be used at home(if this is something that could be done by making a purchase through the school). (0000001995 Anonymous)

I would like our child to know/learn how to type and to be able to access a practice typing program from home through the school's website. Thank you. (0000002048 Anonymous)

I would like to know more about the technology used in the classroom. I would like the teachers to use their webpages more. I occasionally check there hoping there will be resources or information posted, but one teacher never posts anything. On this survey, there was a section about how often I use the online services, like online grading. I had to put 3-4 times a year for many answers because there was no place to select 'never'. (0000001919 Anonymous)

I would like to see an investment in training faculty to use the technology that is available. (0000001969 Anonymous)

I would like to see more technology available for the lower grade levels. (0000001969 Anonymous)

If you mean the on line grades...I LOVE IT!! It is so easy to follow what my kids are doing in school and what they need to work on most to improve. All the benefits of the school website is extremely helpful in so so so many ways! (0000001975 Anonymous)

internet safety! wish children to use internet responsibly and be aware of how dangerous it could be. (0000001879 Anonymous)

It helps with the needs for the student's with projects, research, and knowing of updated technology on how to use the system to better their education. (0000002027 Anonymous)

It is much easier to communicate with teachers via email than by phone or notes. (0000001995 Anonymous)

just a comment about SCHOOL CONNECTION I, most of the answers did not pertain to our children, yet we had to give an answer of 3-4 times a year. your survey may be swayed because there was no answer that said 'never use', just a thought for your results. (0000001944 Anonymous)

Keeping up with school activities, news etc. (0000001934 Anonymous)

Love the E-mails from teachers concerning my child's progress!! (0000001896 Anonymous)

Lunches (0000001853 Anonymous)

More information on what is going on in the classroom with regard to what they are studying, what chapters they are on in which subject. I would also like to know what tests they have every week, and what chapters pertain to those tests. I would like a teacher to do a weekly curriculum for each child, so that I can help them study if they are weak in a subject. (0000001917 Anonymous)

my son is in special ed. i believe it is important that basic computer skills be learned in school, as well as at home, to help you become fully intergrated into today's day and age. i believe the Peru school district has provided a basis for these skills; i would like to see it continued throughout his time in the Peru Educational system. (0000001895 Anonymous)

MY SON IS ONLY IN PRE-K SO THEY HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED COMPUTERS TOO MUCH. I FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO LEARN THE WAYS OF COMPUTERS, BUT I ALSO FEEL VERY STRONG THAT A GOOD EDUCATION CAN BE TAUGHT WITH COMMUNICATION AND THE PHYSICAL TEACHING AND NOT A SCREEN. (0000001943 Anonymous)

None. (0000002012 Anonymous)

On line grades Homework Communication with teachers (0000001915 Anonymous)

Online updates (0000002022 Anonymous)

School Website
navigate the computer (0000002052 Anonymous)

Child learning computer skills & how to

stress safety of internet predators, who are not their friends. (0000002019 Anonymous)

Teacher Ease has been a wonderful tool for communicating with teachers and tracking grades. (0000001991 Anonymous)

teacher email (0000001853 Anonymous)

Technology is just a tool of an educator it should not drive the curriculum, but it can be a very effective tool for student learning if it is available and if the teachers are given training, support and encouragement to explore tech integration. (0000001969 Anonymous)

Technology needs to be implemented in all subject areas. The students know how to use it. They just need the opportunity to do so. The majority of the teacher's websites are weak. Give the students a digital camera and let them help the teacher's design their web page. (0000001928 Anonymous)

The ability to have my children and I capture all the science, math, technology and reading skills that are available to us. The IT world is moving at light speed and each of us will need to realize this to be able to quickly adapt to the future. (0000001927 Anonymous)

The district webpage is excellent and very up-to-date. (0000001840 Anonymous)

The online grading system is so important and useful to parents. (0000001840 Anonymous)

The school website is not always up to day with regard to lunch menus on a timely manner, etc. (pajama days and so on). People in the office do not seem to have a good understanding of the capabilities of on-line access to grades, etc. (0000001917 Anonymous)

They seem to have very good use of the mouse and with some keys on the keyboard. (0000001874 Anonymous)

This doesn't really apply since my son is only Pre-K. (0000001999 Anonymous)

To be informed on time. (0000002001 Anonymous)

To get answers immediately. (0000002001 Anonymous)

To get classes about technology. (0000002001 Anonymous)

to learn basic computer skills (0000001879 Anonymous)

we can keep on track with accelerated reader (0000001946 Anonymous)

we live in a technological world and the fact that the schools are teaching our children to use that is a necessity because it's not going anywhere they will not be able to get jobs without this knowledge or succeed in school without knowing how to incorporate computer schools into their work i think peru schools do a wonderful job (0000001974 Anonymous)

We love grades online and the ability to communicate with teachers via email. The ability to check lunch account balances is also very convenient. (0000001948 Anonymous)

Without having access to the internet at home it makes it difficult for me to decide what the benefits are in my home. (0000002064 Anonymous)

Would be important to incorporate the regular use of the computer lab on the Pre-K academic programs. (0000002049 Anonymous)