



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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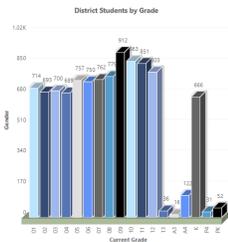
1. **For teachers in grades K-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in the first quarter of the school year are to build the class(es), add students, and begin posting weekly lesson plans/newsletters. Teachers should learn to utilize the eLearning module process for the virtual classes. The module process is more efficient for students, parents, and teachers; please talk with your Tech Coach if you don't yet know how to utilize the eLearning module in Canvas.



2. **For all staff who use Skyward:** Do you know about the Live Tiles? You can make shortcuts to certain tools and lists in Skyward by making a Live Tile. Live tiles function much like a bookmark; when you click a tile, you go directly to the list screen of that area in the software. However, live tiles provide a real-time count of the records on that screen. For example, you could create a live tile for the Name List. When you create the tile, it is added to your dashboard. The number of records on that screen displays on the tile and updates as records are modified on the Name List. A live tile could display the total number of active students in a school. Go [here for a further tutorial on Live Tiles](#). Reminder: Please delete and recreate last year's Live Tiles if they pertain to anything related to last year's students.



3. **For all staff who use Skyward:** Do you know about Chart Tiles? Chart tiles provide quick access to calculated data based on information in Skyward, and provide a real-time record of the information you are looking at. You may wish to view attendance totals over a period of time, create a tile displaying data on the students in your course; you could create a chart tile to display these records. Chart tiles also provide easy access to the data they display, so when you click the tile, you go directly to that browse screen. Go [here for a further tutorial on Chart Tiles](#).



4. **For all teachers comfortable with Canvas, but have not created their own homepage yet:** Whether for organizing your lesson plans within courses, becoming more precise with eLearning, or just because it looks cool, creating a homepage is easy, and the Tech Coaches can support you! [Go here to EACS Teacher PD](#) for a tutorial on adding a Canvas homepage out of commons. Questions? Please contact your Tech Coach.

**Fun technology fact:** One of the over-reactive concerns some consumers have with electric vehicles is range anxiety; the fear that we will run out of juice before arriving at our destination, and become stranded. Tesla has resolved much of that fear with cars with ranges upwards of 400-500 miles. However, a team in Germany has now demonstrated a new lithium-metal battery with a density well beyond current batteries and an ability to retain its performance across hundreds of cycles. [Read more of the article here.](#)

