



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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# EACS Technology Newsletter October 8, 2021



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:** The East Allen County Board of School Trustees approved some minor [changes to the district's Acceptable Use Policy \(AUP\)](#). Every staff member has agreed to follow the policies in the AUP, and so please note the changes, with added words/phrases **highlighted in green** and deleted words/phrases **struck through and highlighted in yellow**. To view the document, users must be logged in to their EACS Google account. Please direct any questions to Tech Director, Keith Madsen.

3. **For all new teachers, or teachers who want to brush up on Canvas:** [Here is a free](#), Canvas Basics course, created by Canvas, just for you. The course is self-paced and not facilitated, but is structured in such a way that you must complete the modules and content in the order presented. Each of the four modules will contain formative assessments that help you gauge your retention of the information presented. A summative assessment is provided at the end of the entire course. An 80% competency is required to **earn a digital badge issued by Instructure through Badgr**. If you complete the course, please contact **Mackenna Moore**, and you will also receive 3 PGP's from the Technology Department.



4. **For all teachers and administrators:** Are you familiar with Canvas's [Study Hall](#)? [Study Hall](#) is Canvas's free K-12 resource for teachers and administrators. [Study Hall](#) is filled with resources such as Canvas's free [Panda Pro workshops](#), [Assessing Student Learning Amid Disruption](#), [5 Ways to Help Students Stressed by Assessment](#), and [Canvas Studio Guide, K-12 Edition](#). [Study Hall](#) also provides resources on upcoming Canvas events, such as [InstructureCon](#) this week.



**Fun technology fact:** You have heard of quantum computers, but do you KNOW how much different they are compared to normal computers? [Watch this video. \(4:42\)](#) The video encapsulates a team from Google trying to demonstrate "Quantum Supremacy", which is the proof that a quantum computer is greater and faster than a conventional computer. The Google team gave the quantum computer a computation, which the greatest conventional supercomputer in the world would require 10,000 years to compute, and the quantum computer completed the task in 200 SECONDS! THIS is the future of computing, and where our best and brightest comp-sci students should be looking. This is a game changer. And yes, that image is the quantum computer...

