



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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1. **For teachers in grades K-12:** District Expectations for the use of Canvas in the 2nd quarter of the school year are to create assignments and/or have Discussions in your course(s), as well as to place student resources, such as links, files, videos, into Pages/Modules/Studio; please talk with your Tech Coach if you don't yet know how to utilize Pages/Modules/Studio, or how to upload files or videos..



2. **For all staff: From the IDOE - Free Professional Development** for teachers, in the form of Google's Applied Digital Skills curriculum, helps students develop critical, job-ready digital skills. Kiker Learning, in partnership with IDOE, brings online training on the Applied Digital Skills platform and curriculum around the themes of digital learning, STEM, accelerated learning, special education, and innovative literacy practices. [Sign up](#) for these virtual opportunities hosted throughout November. Please contact Meri Carnahan at carnahan@doe.in.gov with any questions.



3. **For All Teachers: Have you heard of ClassHook?** ClassHook is a website of resources designed to increase student engagement, retention, and relevance with educational videos from TV shows and movies. Illustrate concepts, pique interests, and even teach SEL content, using 6,000+ engaging and educational video clips with [ClassHook](#). A special thanks goes out to Allie Felger for [ClassHook](#).



4. **For all teachers and administrators:** New from the IDOE and available for all educators: Tools for Teachers is available for free to all Indiana educators and can be accessed through the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE). This website features lessons and activities designed to enhance teaching, learning, and teacher time-saving. It includes accessibility resources, formative assessment strategies, instructional activities aligned to different levels of student need, and other resources aligned to Indiana Academic Standards. Recorded trainings can be accessed for [administrators](#) and [educators](#), providing the ins and outs of the platform, including how to find resources. Please reach out to the [IDOE's Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.



Fun technology fact: Fisher Price's Iconic Toy Telephone Now Actually Makes Phone Calls! As companies strive to get retro toys back on shelves for nostalgic adults, Fisher-Price is taking a different route. Its iconic "Chatter Telephone" has been enjoyed by toddlers for 60 years now, and to celebrate that anniversary, Mattel has turned the toy into a fully-functional smartphone accessory that can actually be used to place or take phone calls. It rolls, its eyes move (which always freaked me out), the numbered rotary dial can spin, and this new version swaps imagination for Bluetooth and rechargeable batteries. [Read more of the article here.](#)

