

Screens in Schools Work Group

Statement of Purpose

Digital devices are being overused in schools in ways that are causing harm to our children. Many teachers, parents, administrators, health professionals, and students see that damage every day.

Studies show that more screen time leads to worse school performance. Growing evidence indicates negative health effects on children's developing brains, eyes, and mental health. Even worse, educational technology often harvests student data for commercial purposes.

It is time to act. We cannot allow our children to be experimented on any longer.

We seek to:

- Partner with teachers, parents, consultants, therapists, and public health workers who are committed to reducing the harm of screens in schools.
- Share information and resources as they relate to the risks of screen-based learning.
- Assist parents in compelling their local schools to become less screen-dependent.
- Support teachers and administrators who want to reduce the use of screens in their classrooms and districts.
- Provide language and documentation to parents who want to help reduce or eliminate screen-based schoolwork.
- Inspire and support students who want to have the rich and textured learning process they deserve.
- Collaborate with activists who view screens in schools as contributing to the commercialization of childhood and the privatization of public schools.

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