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<p align="center">Issues with Technology</p>

Technology is a very useful tool in the educational classroom. Access to information is made easier, instructional tools are available, and there are a lot of tools students can use to practice with. These are not the only benefits of technology integrated into technology. Although there are plenty benefits of using technology in education. There are social, ethical, legal, and human issues associated with educational technology use, many of which can be prevented by teaching students how to properly use technology.

Social issues include two pornography and hate groups. Although schools often have filters to prevent the access of pornographic websites, some advertising on other sites may include this type of content. This is why supervision is a must when students are accessing the internet. Hate groups have utilized online resources by disguising themselves as research groups. There is no way to remove these sights due to their protection under the First Amendment, so we must educate students on recognizing these groups and not to believe everything they see or read on the internet.

Cyberbullying and the digital divide are two ethical issues. Cyberbullying occurs when someone virtually attacks another person. Bullying is not something new; however, the easiness to do it online has increased occurrences of bullying. The digital divide is another ethical issue that teachers face. Grants have made it possible for schools who do not have the funding for technology gain that opportunity. This is no longer the main issue of the digital divide. The main issue is now focused on individual access at home. Now that technology is having such a huge impact on instruction, it is becoming apparent that access to technology at home is needed, and the gap is very apparent.

It is also important to discuss legal issues faced with integrating technology into education. Copyright laws and plagiarism are two factors of legal issues. It is important that students are given an understanding to what copyright laws and plagiarism are. It is also important that consequences are made and known when these two issues are violated. Copyright laws include file sharing. Plagiarism is when students take other's words or ideas and use them as their own. Plagiarism tracking has made it easier for teachers to detect it.

Finally, the major human issue is privacy. Personal information should not be revealed online for safety concerns. To discourage sharing personal information, schools need to block social networking sites, which is where most people share too much personal information. Education, as well on social, ethical, and legal issues, on privacy issues should be administered to students.

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