

## PS 321 Parent Technology Summary of Survey Findings

### Survey Participation

643 parents responded to the survey. With the exception of one grade, parents of half or more than half the students in the grade responded to the survey.

### Technology Access and Usage

- The overwhelming majority of students have access to tablets and computers at home, and a third or more have access to smartphones, gaming systems, and streaming media services.
- The overwhelming majority (74%) of students are spending 30 minutes to an hour on electronic devices (other than TV) per day.
- 26% of parents report that their children are playing games with online chat features.
- Scratch and Minecraft are the top two games our students play, with 45% of respondents saying their child plays Minecraft.
- 40% say their kids use YouTube independently.

### Parental Supervision

- The overwhelming majority of parents (76%) supervise their children by being present or somewhat present while they are using electronic devices. Just under 20% use parental controls, and 4% report that their children's access is completely unrestricted and unmonitored.
- About half of parents report that they have checked their children's search history online, and half haven't.
- The majority of our students have not talked with their parents about hurtful or inappropriate content they've seen online, or they haven't seen any of this content. Only about a quarter of parents (26%) say their kids have talked with them about such content.
- The majority of parents report researching apps before allowing kids to download them (80%).

### How Parents Feel About Technology and What They Want to Learn

- The majority (92%) also say that they know about online chat features in games their kids play that allow them to talk with strangers, yet nearly 41% say that they don't or only sometimes check to see whether chatting is a feature of the games their kids play.
- 74% say they know who their kids are talking to and playing with online.
- About half of parents report feeling comfortable with their child's use of technology.
- Parents are most interested (50%) in how to teach their kids to use social media safely (including texting).
- They'd also like info on parental controls (about a third).
- A smaller group of parents are interested in ways to limit time spent on technology.