

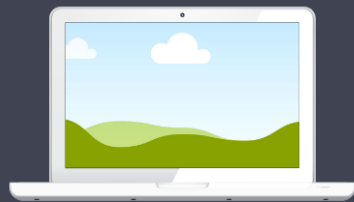
# YOU NEVER KNOW UNLESS YOU TRY

## Laptops? No laptops?

The education system wants to evolve from the past, but when they do they question it rather than take the risks. In the past writing notes with pen and paper was common, and now it is shifting to writing notes on laptops. The schools are starting to question whether this shift is positive or negative for students.

# 71%

In Canada, 71% of Canadians own a laptop/tablet. In the schools providing laptops for grades 6-12 won't be difficult and won't require a big budget to provide them. A majority of Canadians own a laptop, which requires to only provide those who do not have the money for one.



## BENEFITS

- Online collaboration with other students
- Giving additional information to students
- Organization - students can keep track of school work on their laptops, example: online school calendar
- Assignments can be assigned and handed in via online, such as by email or open source learning environments
- The review process is improved, such as teachers can send feedback and edits on assignments online to students whenever
- Improves student's computer skills

## APPLICATION

Laptops can be put to use by:

- Flipped classroom
- Online discussions
- Research
- Online quizzes
- Edit/review/feedback

## CONCLUSION

There are some limitations to using laptops in the classroom, but more benefits to having them as well. The students should be able to decide whether or not they want to use a laptop or not. If the problem arises that students are getting distracted by those using laptops, allow for the two front rows to be for those handwriting notes. So, take the risk allow laptops into the classroom and see the learning environment change for the better!

## LIMITATIONS

Certainly there are some limitations to using laptops in the classroom. The big concern is students will be distracted during class time. This is a concern, but the teachers need to ensure that they set the rules of the use laptops at the beginning of the school year. There is also the limitations of students having access to the Internet or to a laptop. The solution is to provide students without a laptop with one and allow time in class to complete tasks.