

Why Your Child or Student *Needs* a Handheld Computer for School

While a student may not *need* a handheld computer to learn, at this point, handhelds are inexpensive enough, powerful enough, and offer enough educational software to make the case that handhelds—like books, paper, and other tools—are very important for learning. *Why?*

- 1. Students will not lose their work done on the handheld.**
Why? Work is automatically saved and backed up on the Internet or desktop computers when synchronized, typically each class day.
- 2. Students will likely read more.**
Why? Although more research needs to be done, virtually all teachers report that their students spend more time reading on their handheld than they did previously with books.
- 3. Students will likely write more**
Why? Many students enjoy typing. Also, it's easier to revise work when it's in digital format.
- 4. Students will collaborate more.**
Why? The ease of “beaming” work from one handheld to another makes sharing opinions and collaborating on assignments easy and fun.
- 5. Students need to become familiar with handheld technology.**
Why? Almost every sector—from law to construction to medicine — is adopting handheld technology. Our next generation of learners needs to understand this technology.
- 6. Students will be more motivated to learn.**
Why? Learning is more effective, and more meaningful, when students are actively engaged in the process. Handheld computers are tools from “their” generation and are more compelling and engaging.
- 7. Students will be able to express themselves in unique ways.**
Why? Using a handheld, students can complete assignments such as traditional essays, as well as create artwork, animations, or other visual representations on their own device.
- 8. Students will have equal access to technology (including the Internet.)**
Why? The affordability and portability of handheld computers means more students can have access to identical technology, and with greater frequency.

The handheld computer of today is not a *GameBoy*[®] or simply an organizer. The typical handheld computer is similar in power to a desktop computer of the mid to late 1990's. Technology that previously cost \$3,000 and weighed 40 lbs. now costs \$200 and weighs 4.4 ounces.

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