

Waterloo Community Unit School District No. 5
Director of Technology

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Technology Board Report

The Technology Department has continued to make significant progress on summer initiatives in preparation for the 2026–2027 school year.

On June 24, the annual rollover of the district's student information system, Skyward, was successfully completed. This process ensured readiness for student registration that began July 1 and established the foundation for student scheduling, enrollment, and reporting for the upcoming school year.

The department has also been collaborating with Transfinder, the district's new transportation routing provider, to complete the initial upload of student information system data. This work enables transportation staff to begin developing bus routes and managing student transportation assignments for the new school year.

District copier replacement efforts were completed with the delivery and installation of new copiers across district buildings on June 29 and June 30.

To support curriculum implementation, the Technology Department worked closely with Savvas, the district's new junior high mathematics curriculum provider, to establish student and staff accounts and implement Google Single Sign-On (SSO). This integration will provide students and teachers with streamlined and secure access to instructional resources.

Additionally, the department is currently working with Renaissance to implement the district's new benchmarking platform, which will replace aimsweb. Efforts are underway to synchronize student and staff data to ensure the platform is fully operational for fall benchmarking assessments.

Preparations for expanded student device access are also nearing completion. Waterloo High School students will receive their Chromebooks during scheduled distribution events, with freshmen receiving devices during Freshman Orientation on August 5, and sophomores, juniors, and seniors receiving devices during Supply Drop on August 4. Any students unable to attend these events will be issued devices during the first days of school.

With summer projects nearing completion, the Technology Department remains focused on final preparations and addressing any remaining items prior to staff returning and classrooms becoming fully operational. These efforts are essential to maintaining a reliable, secure, and effective technology environment that supports teaching, learning, and district operations throughout the district.