Should schools stop buying textbooks and, instead, spend their funds on electronic sources and educational tools?

I personally believe our schools should continue to buy textbooks but also buy more supplies and use electronic sources. Certain classes should obviously have books involved, a class that revolves around books would be English class. A class where I would say textbooks are becoming more obsolete is Math class. In general we should try and make combinations of books and electronic items.

Back to my example of English classes. I believe books are a necessity in this class and we should not try to expand on a technological course. Certain kids may say that we should buy tablets and use e-books but I believe that is very unnecessary and expensive. Everyone prior to our generation has done fine without using any kind of fancy equipment, so why should we start. This class should revolve mainly around the use of textbooks and novels.

An example in our own school of how certain technologies are unnecessary is how we replaced our normal computers in the LMC with touch-screen computers. This just makes a bigger distraction when using a computer and is in no way necessary. A lot of equipment for these computers tempts students to procrastinate and stagnates progress. Normal computers are also cheaper and provide less of a distraction.

I believe textbooks and reading materials in the same category are more beneficial to students in a variety of different reasons. First of all technology can fail on you in a variety of different reasons. A tablet may be low on battery or the internet may not be working at the time, problems you will not encounter with a textbook. Students can also waste a lot of time playing around on an electronic device. A great example of how technologies are unreliable is how right now I’m having to mash the keyboard buttons to get them to actually start typing something, very frustrating.

Overall my views on this topic sways more to the side of that we should overall stick to using textbooks and use less technology. Technology can be a useful resource to have, like looking up information on the internet for example, but too much of it could pose to much of a distraction. Textbooks have been around for quite a while now and are the standard way of doing things so that’s the way I believe it should continue. Many will disagree with me, but I’m just old fashioned.