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# Computer Technology Standards of Learning

By the End of Grade Five

for Virginia  
Public Schools

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Computer/Technology skills are essential components of every student's education. In order to maximize opportunities for students to acquire necessary skills for academic success, the teaching of these skills should be the shared responsibility of teachers of all disciplines.

**Minimum** skills that students should acquire by the end of **Grade 5** include the following:

- C/T5.1 The student will demonstrate a basic understanding of computer theory including bits, bytes, and binary logic.
- C/T5.2 The student will develop basic technology skills.
  - Develop a basic technology vocabulary that includes cursor, software, memory, disk drive, hard drive, and CD-ROM.
  - Select and use technology appropriate to tasks.
  - Develop basic keyboarding skills.
  - Operate peripheral devices.
  - Apply technologies to strategies for problem solving and critical thinking.
- C/T5.3 The student will process, store, retrieve, and transmit electronic information.
  - Use search strategies to retrieve electronic information using databases, CD-ROMs, videodiscs, and telecommunications.
  - Use electronic encyclopedias, almanacs, indexes, and catalogs.
- Use local and wide-area networks and modem-delivered services to access information from electronic databases.
- Describe advantages and disadvantages of various computer processing, storage, retrieval, and transmission techniques.
- C/T5.4 The student will communicate through application software.
  - Create a 1-2 page document using word processing skills, writing process steps, and publishing programs.
  - Use simple computer graphics and integrate graphics into word-processed documents.
  - Create simple databases and spreadsheets to manage information and create reports.
  - Use local and worldwide network communication systems.