



Speak Up 2016 findings

How America's Schools are Addressing the Homework Gap

49%

of principals say ensuring student access to technology outside of school (digital equity) is a major challenge today



Compared to only 30% of principals in 2010



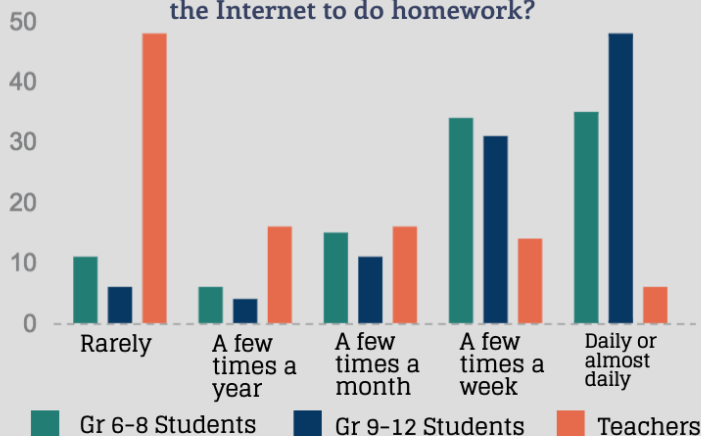
17%

of students say they are impacted by the homework gap - they cannot do homework because they lack internet outside of school



44% of teachers say they need confidence that their students have access to consistent and safe Internet outside of school in order to effectively integrate technology in the classroom

How often do teachers assign homework assignments that require internet access? How often do students use the Internet to do homework?



Homework gap students are resourceful



48%

go to school early or stay late to use their school's Internet



32%

are going online to do homework at fast food restaurants or cafés



30%

use their public library Internet

How are schools and districts addressing the homework gap?

	Doing this	Considering	No plans
Allowing students on campus early or after school to access school network	67%	17%	16%
Encouraging libraries or other public Internet locations to give students priority access	54%	18%	27%
Instructing students to download web-based assignments and resources to USB sticks while at school	44%	20%	36%
Discouraging homework assignments that are 100% Internet dependent	40%	19%	41%
Providing WiFi access in the school parking lots for staff and student access	34%	18%	48%
Working with restaurants, cafes and businesses to provide safe locations for student Internet access	14%	25%	61%
Equipping school buses with WiFi hotspots	8%	26%	66%
Paying for home Internet for low income families	3%	11%	85%



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