

East Allen County Schools Parent Technology Newsletter

Extend iPad Battery Life

There are some easy tips and tricks to ensure that students get the most run time out of their iPad battery.

Tip #1: Lower the Screen Brightness

To adjust screen brightness, swipe up to open the Control Center and use the slider on the right to lower your screen brightness. You can also go to **Settings > Display & Brightness** to adjust the brightness. Also on this settings page is a toggle switch for Auto-Brightness. Turn it on.

Tip #2: Limit Background App Refresh

Head to **Settings > General > Background App Refresh**. You can turn this feature off completely, or you can choose which apps you would like to be able to refresh in the background.

Tip #3: Turn Off Bluetooth When Not Being Used

Head to **Settings > Bluetooth**, Bluetooth makes the iPad use additional power, so turn it off when it's not being used.



Storyline Online

[Storytime Online](#) is an award-winning children's literacy website that has a large library of videos of famous actors reading children's books. Readers include: Oprah Winfrey, Betty White, Chris Pine, Viola Davis, Kevin Costner, and many more. This resource is available 24 hours a day, and each book includes supplemental activities that were developed by an elementary educator.



Cross-Site Tracking and Pop-Up Blocker

There are two settings within the iPad that can cause quite a few problems with many apps and programs. Follow these steps to ensure these settings are not enabled on your student's iPad: Go to **Settings > Safari > Turn off the Pop-Up Blocker** and "Prevent Cross-Site Tracking."

Block Pop-ups



Prevent Cross-Site Tracking



Don't Fall for Phishing!



Phishing is an attempt to steal your personal information through manipulation. Individuals or groups will pretend to be someone else or represent an organization that they are not really affiliated with. These scams can happen through email, SMS text messages, social media, and phone calls.

The best way to avoid falling for one of these scams is not replying to emails addresses that you do not recognize, or from a phone number that looks suspicious. If you keep getting emails or phone calls from these scammers, you can block their emails, block their number in your phone, or call your phone company to report the number.

Here are a few signs that should make you suspicious: getting an email from an odd email address, having multiple recipients of the same email/message, direct requests for personal information, multiple typos/errors throughout the text, and strange attachments.