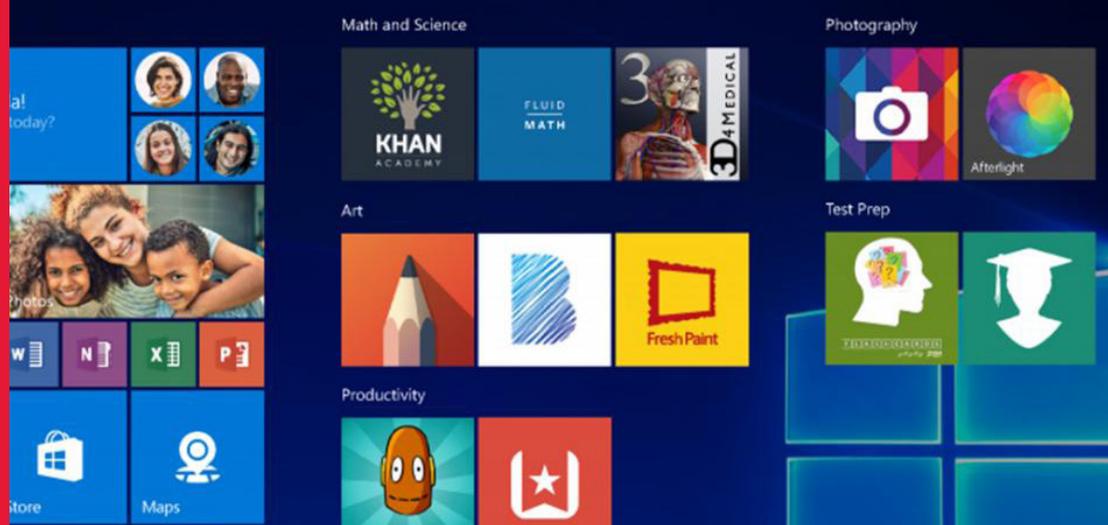


WINDOWS 10 S PROMISES EFFICIENCY AND FOSTERS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



By creating more time for teachers to teach, the new operating system could provide great benefits.

~ Rob Dickenson

At a [recent event](#), [Microsoft](#) unveiled a wide range of products that directly affect the learning experiences of students. One of the unveilings, Windows 10 S introduced the promise of speed, security and superior performance. This new operating system **can provide both teachers and students valuable time and educational opportunity.**

If you have ever been in a classroom full of devices, speed is a huge factor. [Windows 10 S](#) increases speed, whether booting up, coming out of sleep, or streaming high-definition video across devices.

Opportunities arise when you can both control the apps being installed and deliver the cloud promise of **working across devices seamlessly**, without hindering time.

The New OS and Other Microsoft Tools Expand the Classroom

As educators, we want to prepare students within the safety of our classrooms. Windows 10 S promises to provide that opportunity by **only running apps verified in the Windows Store.**

Windows 10 S also allows files and settings to be synced across devices, an efficiency that helps educators (and students) save time in the classroom.

Joining Windows 10 S devices to the [Azure Active Directory](#) in the cloud helps to **keep devices connected, and configuration changes up to date, as they move outside the boundaries of the classroom.**

Another new feature I am excited about is [Microsoft Edge](#), the faster, safer browser that offers better battery life. Microsoft has done extensive testing with the top 200-plus education websites used by teachers and students to ensure compatibility.

The speed of Edge coupled with the ability to annotate a website via digital ink capabilities allows teachers to display and model sites to students and bring a greater awareness to context.

Toss that in with extensions – my favorite is a [OneNote Web Clipper](#) – and teachers can deliver those markups directly into OneNote Class Notebook and **share them with students in a mixed collaborative environment.**

With its efficiency and features, the new operating system allows educators to save time while supporting greater learning opportunities for students.

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