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# Textbooks evolving into technology

## Staff editorial

Turn of a page or swipe of a finger?

As the world revolves around technology, we have discovered that these helpful devices have made our daily schedules easier to put up with. The textbooks that the school provides can only hold so much information and are extremely heavy to carry around all day. While the use of tablets can hold more than enough information and are basically weightless. Tablets can hold hundreds of text books on one device and it can also carry homework, quizzes, and other files that are available to student use. This eliminates the need for physical storage of books and classroom materials. Students who own tablets purchase and read more books than those who own just regular text books.

Many people are afraid that if we change to using tablets that this will make school life more expensive to deal with rather than just using our lesser valued resources such as

the outdated textbook. It could also be because some of the students who go to school do not have sufficient home internet bandwidth to use tablets. Yet these minor problems all have simple solutions. It's true that tablets are more expensive, but E-textbooks on tablets cost an average 50- 60 percent less than printed textbooks. Since students are on E- book it would be very difficult to be distracted. A student will also be able to complete standardized test faster and more efficiently. We are shown more into the future of technology. It will help students feel more comfortable and relaxed in their future career if they used these more often. Another concern is that textbooks are very heavy and it's an item that just takes up too much space in one person's backpack. It causes many back related injuries. During 2011-2012 many students have gone to the doctors due to severe back injuries by carrying overly heavy backpacks but if we switched to the small tablets then the percentage rate of back related injuries will go down. By keeping textbooks we aren't evolving, we're devolving.