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Tech Skills for Children

The world we live in is increasingly becoming a digital world. Possessing technical skills and knowledge is becoming a requisite just to navigate many daily routines. Teaching technology skills to children has become a necessity and has begun to be incorporated into curriculum and early learning standards for students across all age groups.

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Survey Results: January 2024 Newsletter

Which of the following statements best reflects how your program promotes Executive Function in children?

- A. We are intentional daily about helping children develop their EF skills through curriculum and instruction. - **66.67%**
- B. We are intentional most days about helping children develop their EF skills through curriculum and instruction. - **22.22%**
- C. We sometimes think about helping children develop their EF skills through curriculum and instruction. - **7.41%**
- D. We rarely think about helping children develop their EF skills through curriculum and instruction. - **3.70%**

Survey Question:

Which of the following statements best represents your feelings about teaching tech skills to your students?

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In a Digital World, Teaching Tech Skills to Younger Children is a Requisite

As the world around us changes, so must our curriculum. We have to teach our students all of the skills that the world they live in requires. Computer science has become one of those requirements. Technology and how to make it work can be intimidating if we are not knowledgeable in these areas. Developing these skills and knowledge of the concepts of computer science must begin in preschool.

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