

## Computer Skills Checklist



### Getting Started

Basic Computer Operations  
Printing  
Computer Care



### Computer Skills for School, Work and Home

Word Processing/Desktop Publishing  
Spreadsheet/Graphing  
Database



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- ☐ Start up a computer and related equipment (printer, scanner, etc.)
- ☐ Shut down and Restart the computer; use Standby, if available; know when to use each choice
- ☐ Use a mouse: point, click, double-click, drag and drop; right-click and left-click; scroll
- ☐ Insert and eject/remove diskettes, CD-ROMs, flash drives from ports or drives
- ☐ Initialize disks, drives and other media; name/re-name
- ☐ Know/Determine storage capacity of floppy/hard disks, CD-ROMs, and flash drives
- ☐ Identify and use icons and menus: click and double-click on icons; use pull-down menus; use pop-up menus; move an icon
- ☐ Identify and use windows: select, open, and move a window; resize a window; scroll in a window; activate and de-activate a window
- ☐ Create and name files/documents and folders
- ☐ Start an application and create a new document
- ☐ Open and move among more than one application at a time
- ☐ Locate adaptive/assistive hardware and software for people with special needs
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- ☐ Choose printer (use default printer, select printer on network, if available)
- ☐ Use printing options (print preview, portrait/landscape, multiple copies, etc.)
- ☐ Load paper, letterhead, envelopes in printer and adjust paper guides
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- ☐ Clean computer components (screen, keyboard, mouse, etc.)
- ☐ Create and maintain backup copies of key documents
- ☐ Perform basic scheduled maintenance, including operating system updates, cleaning of temporary files, etc.
- ☐ Protect against viruses; schedule regular updates and manually update
- ☐ Scan for viruses on drives, disks, and other media
- ☐ Perform basic troubleshooting techniques: check cables; quit and restart the computer, etc.
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### Word Processing/Desktop Publishing

*Student demonstrates the following skills:*

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- ☐ Insert and delete text; select and type over text
- ☐ Copy and move blocks of text
- ☐ Change text format and styles, margin, line spacing, tabs, etc
- ☐ Use the bulleting and numbering features
- ☐ Use word processing utilities: Spell checker, Thesaurus, Dictionary
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- ☐ Insert date, time, page number
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### Spreadsheet/Graphing

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- ☐ Interpret and communicate information in an existing spreadsheet
- ☐ Enter data in an existing spreadsheet: enter text and numeric entries in cells; use the entry bar
- ☐ Print a spreadsheet; print only selected parts
- ☐ Manipulate data within an existing spreadsheet in order to solve a problem
- ☐ Create a spreadsheet with rows, columns, headings
- ☐ Understand and create the three basic types of cells (label, value, and formula)
- ☐ Create/Copy formulas and functions to perform calculations
- ☐ Insert a spreadsheet into a word processing document
- ☐ Use AutoSum
- ☐ Utilize functions

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- ☐ Use information from an existing database; search a dataset for specific information
- ☐ Enter data, add a record, and delete a record from an existing database
- ☐ Sort a database by specific fields; search for desired information given 1 criterion and given 2 criteria (using "and," "or," or "not" connectors)
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