myON is a complete literacy solution that provides anytime, anywhere access to a library of more than 10,000 enhanced digital books. The innovative digital literacy program helps to engage with digital texts in new ways that will transform the entire learning experience.

**PSD Statistics (2015-2016)**

Books Read: 130,933
Time Spent Reading: 31,752 hours

Why Mobile Devices are Needed to Transform Learning:

- Teaches students 21st century skills
- Provides diverse and current learning material
- Engages learners
- Provides instant data and feedback
- Allows for effective differentiation
- Improves students’ learning processes and outcomes

### PSD Growth

A Lexile measure is defined as "the numeric representation of an individual's reading ability.

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<th>Lexile Growth</th>
<th>3rd Grade</th>
<th>4th Grade</th>
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<td>Expected Growth</td>
<td>113</td>
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<td>Actual Growth</td>
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**Building Updates**

**RHS FIELD HOUSE & GYM ENTRANCE**

**CEDARTOWN HIGH SCHOOL**

**EASTSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Connects to the existing building at the cafeteria**

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The Apple Distinguished Program designation is reserved for programs that meet criteria for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence, and demonstrate Apple’s vision of exemplary learning environments.

The selection of Polk School District as an Apple Distinguished Program highlights our success as an innovative and compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic accomplishment.

Our Polk County students have access to mobile devices. (The goal for PSD is for students to be able to take the iPads home after school and during summer to extend the learning beyond the classroom. Students will need to purchase insurance in order to do so.)

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<th>Grade Level</th>
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<td>Pre-K</td>
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<td>iPads per student for school day use</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL # of Mobile Devices</strong></td>
<td><strong>7,775</strong></td>
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Wifi on PSD Buses

What does a student do when riding on the bus? Homework! Polk School District now offers wifi on 4 PSD buses. We are moving towards wifi on all buses. The effort comes at a time when a lack of internet access in homes remains a challenge. Many children ride buses more than an hour each way to school. Students are now able to complete assignments before arriving to their home.

"At The University of West Georgia, I always turn in and receive assignments on the online platform, CourseDen. I use my iPad to check assignments, turn them in, do them, etc. We have discussion posts for homework sometimes. My classes are offered face to face and online. I get online everyday for classes during the regular semesters. Having an iPad in high school helped with my transition into college."

“Our selection as an APPLE Distinguished Program recognizes the accomplishments of our teachers, administrators, and staff. Today’s generation of students learn much differently than previous generations. They have never known a world without mobile devices connected to the Internet. Therefore, we determined these powerful and dynamic tools should be used to enhance and extend the learning through innovative technology.”

-Dr. William Hunter