

If You Don't Think About Us,  
We're Doing Our Job

Technology has been an incredible boost for education. Today, education is more effective for educators, more efficient for administrators and staff, and more challenging and fun for students. Since 1972, the Calhoun Department of Technology (CDOT) has managed technology services always with the goal of keeping the emphasis on education and not on the systems that serve it. Our mission is to computerize educational operations, so that everyone can focus on their daily tasks without worrying about technology. That's our job. We're constantly looking for the most advanced, innovative, and easy-to-use ways to technologically support school districts in Branch and Calhoun counties.



## Expanding Education in Calhoun County

Calhoun Intermediate School District (CISD) is a regional education service agency that provides cooperative and coordinated educational services and leadership to 13 local school districts and the public school academies in Calhoun County. Through a diverse array of programs, CISD supports educators, staff and community members; assists in educating students in special education; supports career and technical education; provides additional program support in mathematics, science, social studies and language arts; offers early-childhood services and programs, technology-based training; re-employment and retraining to dislocated workers; and supports school districts with management and financial services.



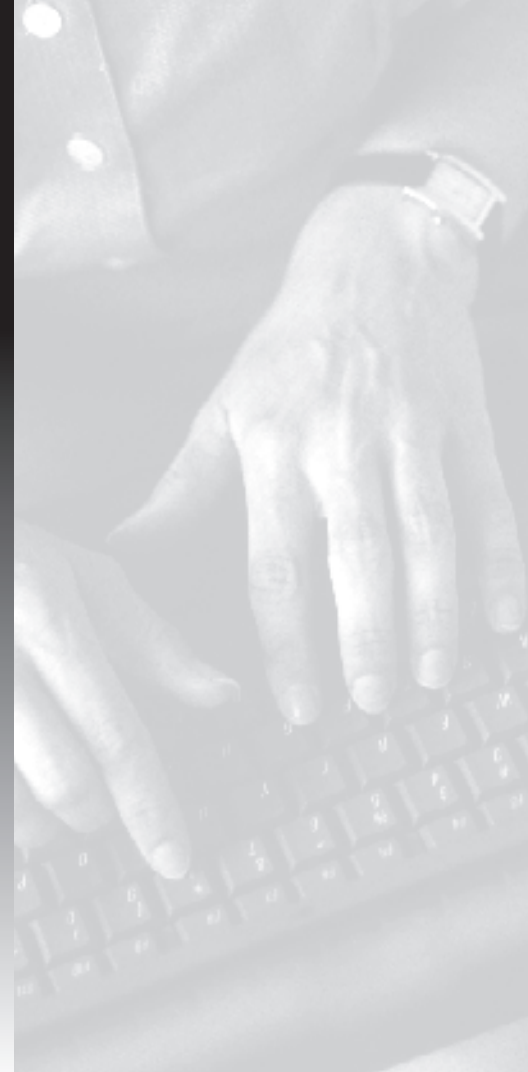
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Technology

# Making Technology Transparent



# Technology Services for Every Part of CISD



## Informational Technology Services

In partnership with the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), your Calhoun ISD technology department provides extensive support to constituent school districts through a core of management programs. These services are provided on a per-student annual fee.

### Student Records

A comprehensive software package, Zangle, manages student records for the entire district, including attendance, schedules, grades, transportation, and food service. This system also generates the reports necessary for state, district, and school use. Parents also have the ability to track their student's progress from home.

### School Improvement Data Consultation

Calhoun ISD provides data analysis support to its school districts using a data warehouse. A data warehouse is a flexible and dynamic process that provides school districts with the meaningful opportunity to gather, design, analyze, and understand data. This process will allow school districts to identify and anticipate patterns and trends that guide the school improvement goals and create strategies and assessment instruments as well as to meet the school district reporting needs.

### Network Assistance

Everything goes smoother when the systems behind the systems are properly monitored and maintained. Our skilled network administrators are standing by to assist the region's districts with a wide variety of network administration tasks, routers, switches, and firewalls. Contact the department office to schedule service time.

## Internet Services

The Calhoun ISD owns and maintains its own fiber network that connects 17 schools, two colleges, a math-and-science center, two career centers, and two intermediate school districts. Extending across Calhoun and Branch counties, this network provides high-speed access to the Internet via the gigabyte-sized fiber network. Use of the Internet is funded through annual fees charged to participating institutions.

## Organizational Technology Services

We offer a variety of technical support services to the region's districts on a contract basis based on service and project requirements.

### Human Resources and Payroll Records

The district manages human resources and payroll functions for its staff with Cyborg, a powerful program that maintains all personnel time and attendance records, as well as keeping track of benefits. Cyborg also allows the districts' human resource specialists to maintain an up-to-date file on job applicants and match them with open employment opportunities.

### Financial Operations

Two software programs, WISE and SMART, keep the district on top of all its financial data. These tools make posting to the general ledger quick and easy. Financial managers can create accurate reports for the state, departments and other agencies in a timely manner. Data can also be exported to a variety of other spreadsheets and databases.

## Maximize the Benefits of Technology

We want to help you get the most out of all of the incredible technology available to school districts today. Contact the staff at the CISD Department of Technology about any of these programs or services.

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