History of Educational Technology

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Pre-Microcomputer Era 1950s-1970s

- Using typewriters in school and at home
- Black and white TVs with antenna, big and bulky

Microcomputer Era 1970s-1990s

- Huge, bulky computers: were only available in public places
- Color TVs in 1970's
- Email, software for desktop computers
- Cable for TV in 1980's
- Pagers as a method of communication
- VHS and cassette players
- Mobile phones, had to be plugged into a car/alternate power source
- "Dial-up" Internet available on home computers

The Internet Era 1990s-2000s

- Portable CD players, "walk-man"
- Cell phones, wireless phones: smaller and more accessible than mobile phones
- Floppy discs for storage

Mobile Technologies Era 2000s-Today/Future

- Social Media Websites
- Smart phones & Tablets
- Touch screen smart phones, computers and SmartBoards
- 3D TVs & 3D Printers