



# TECHNOLOGY

Just Because You Can, Doesn't Mean You Should

# Leadership Poster Rationale

An ongoing debate within education is whether or not the use of technology in our classrooms is there to ignite student interest and engagement or to use technology for the sake of checking off one more box towards making Adequate Yearly Progress for the No Child Left Behind Act. As Jim Collins writes, good leaders strategically choose the technologies that will enhance their business progression (p. 141) , a guideline that should be taken into careful consideration in our classrooms. Technology should be implemented into schools to enhance the curriculum as planned tools that deliberately aid in teaching appropriate standards, not just for the act of saying our schools use technology. While the image I chose is certainly an exaggeration of technology used in the wrong ways, I believe the image is a powerful one that exhibits the possibilities of technology misuse and those consequences. While it is true that there are many educational technologies that are streamlined well as accompaniments to curriculum, there may be just as many that are not. It is imperative, as leaders in our schools, to select applicable educational technology that suits our educational progression.