

# Why you need to care about Accessibility



What you need to know about how to align new technologies with required accessibility features

## Accessibility is Not Optional

Tech purchasing decisions **MUST** consider accessibility for students with disabilities (SWDs) and may require changes in:



learning spaces



funding



infrastructure



policies

## It's the Law

But a national focus on technology for learning also means that state and local education leaders have an opportunity to:



Blend and braid funding streams for innovative technologies



Combine tech tools with high quality instruction for improved outcomes



Maximize learning resources



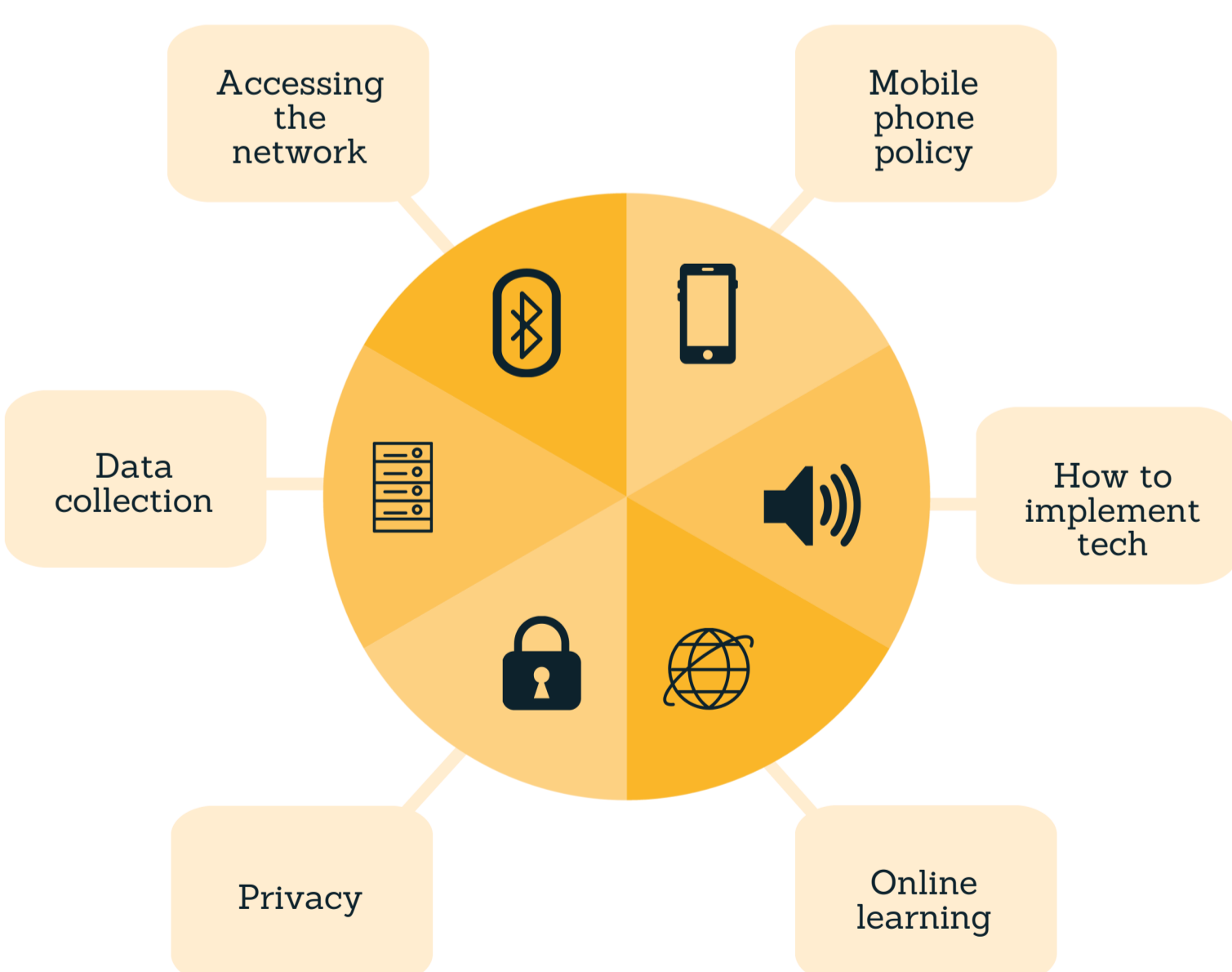
Ensure SWDs receive equal access to engaging learning experiences



Beware of digital exclusion! Are new technologies creating barriers for your SWDs? Digital is not always accessible

## Are you future ready?

Consider the following when planning for the future



**Conclusion:**  
As you plan for technology purchases, don't forget to think about the legal responsibility to provide access to SWDs!

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