# St. Edward's University
# 2018 Freshman Technology Survey

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# I use Google for . . .

**73%** of students use Chrome for browsing the web

## Cloud Storage

**77%** use Google Drive

use iCloud **55%**

**16%** use Dropbox

use OneDrive **11%**

### Existing Email Accounts

Gmail — 98%
Yahoo — 23%
iCloud — 23%
Hotmail/Outlook — 17%

### Software Used to Write Papers
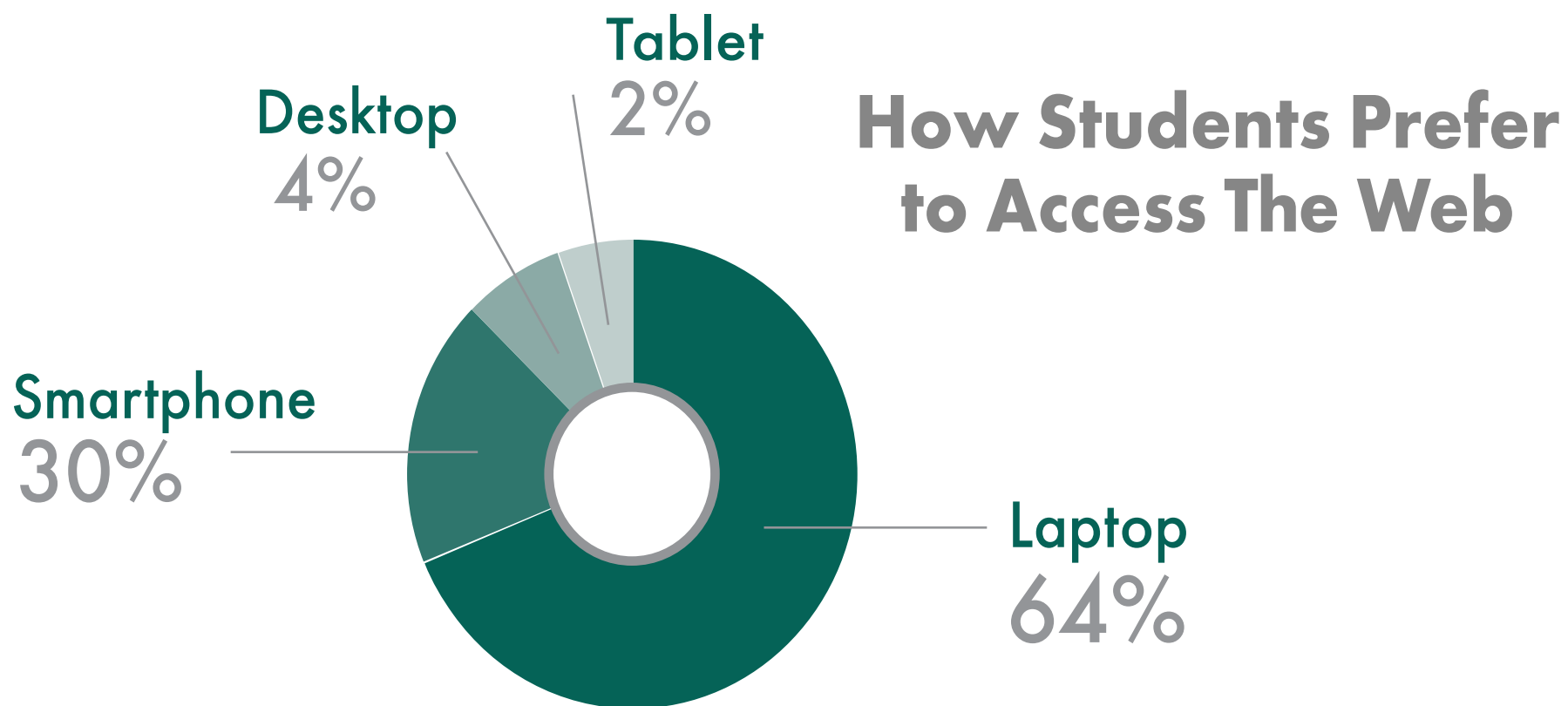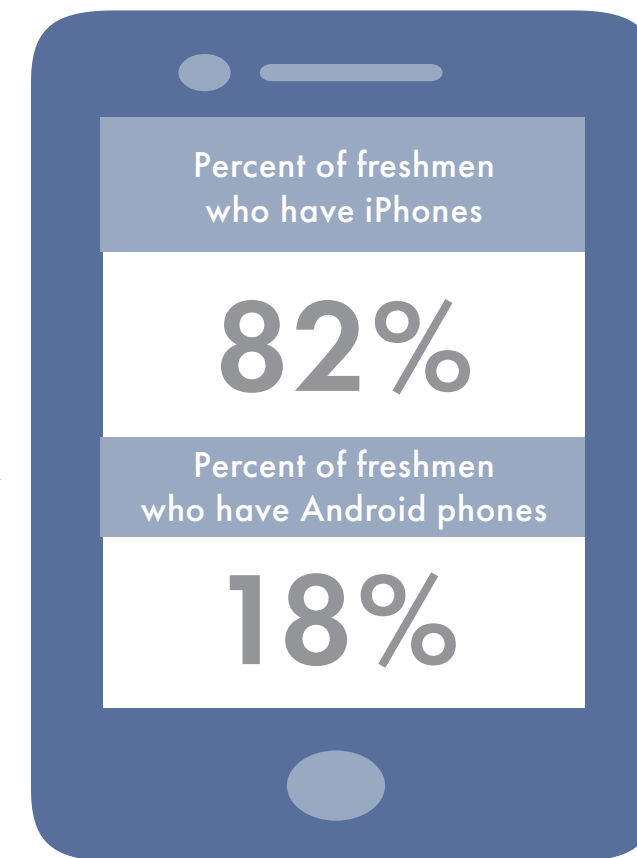
1% — Open Office
15% — Pages
63% — Word
77% — Google Docs
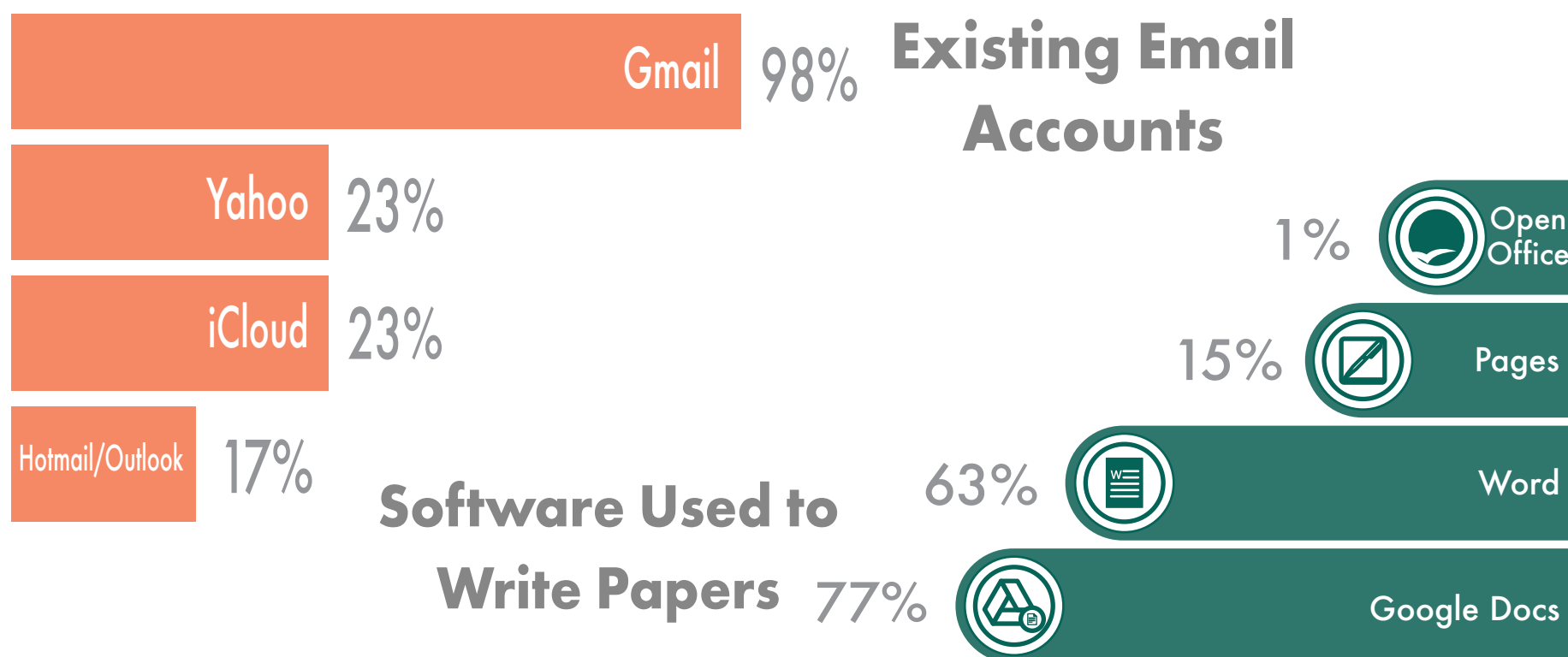
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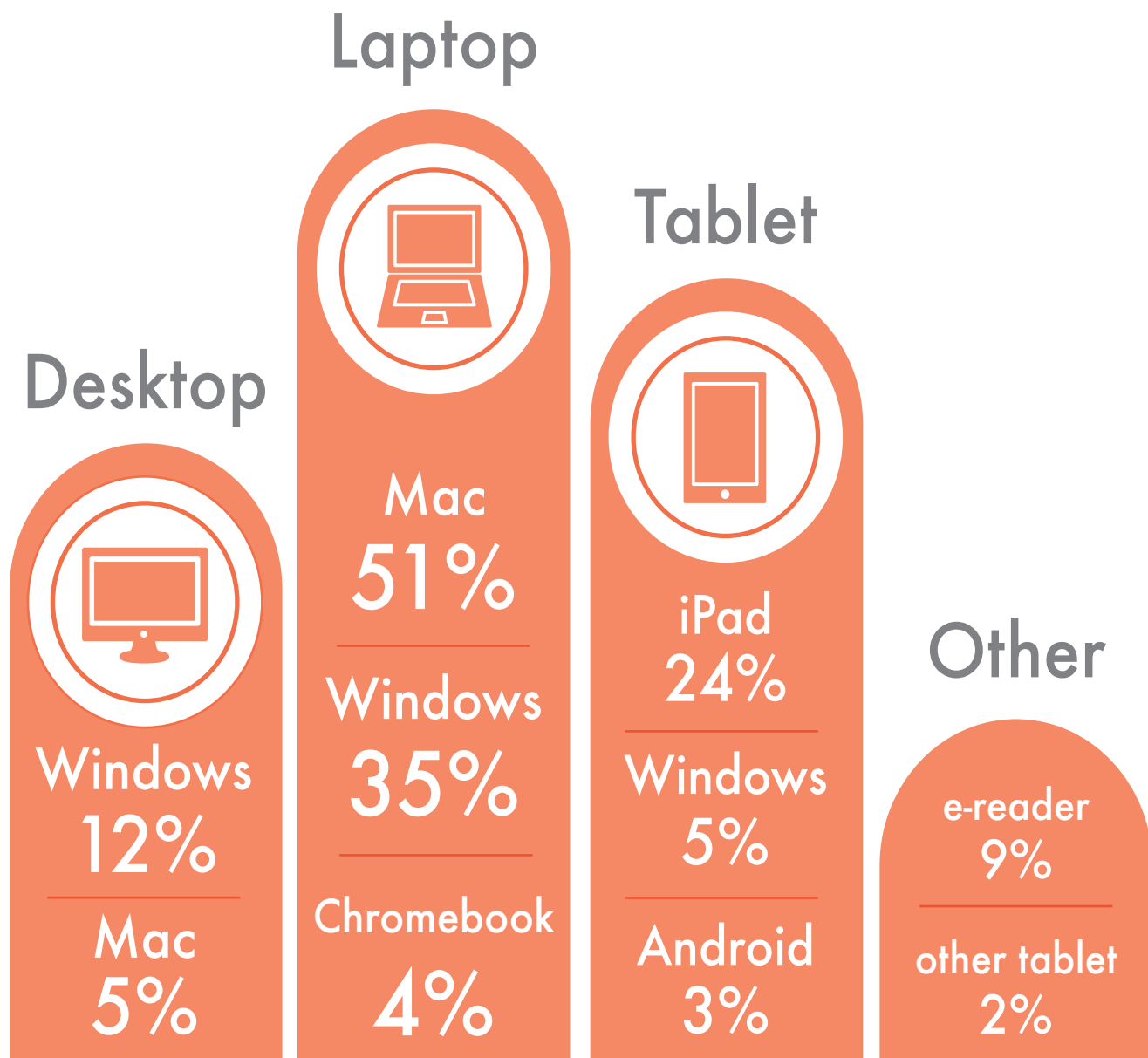
## Devices Students Are Bringing to Campus

**Desktop**
Windows 12%
Mac 5%

**Laptop**
Mac 51%
Windows 35%
Chromebook 4%

**Tablet**
iPad 24%
Windows 5%
Android 3%

**Other**
e-reader 9%
other tablet 2%

**100%** of students have a smartphone

Percent of freshmen who have iPhones
**82%**

Percent of freshmen who have Android phones
**18%**

## How Students Prefer to Access The Web

Tablet 2%
Desktop 4%
Smartphone 30%
Laptop 64%

# Managing deadlines, assignments, etc.

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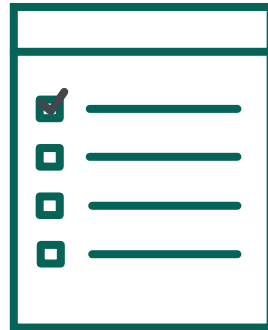
## How Students Manage Their To-Do Lists

### How Students Take Notes
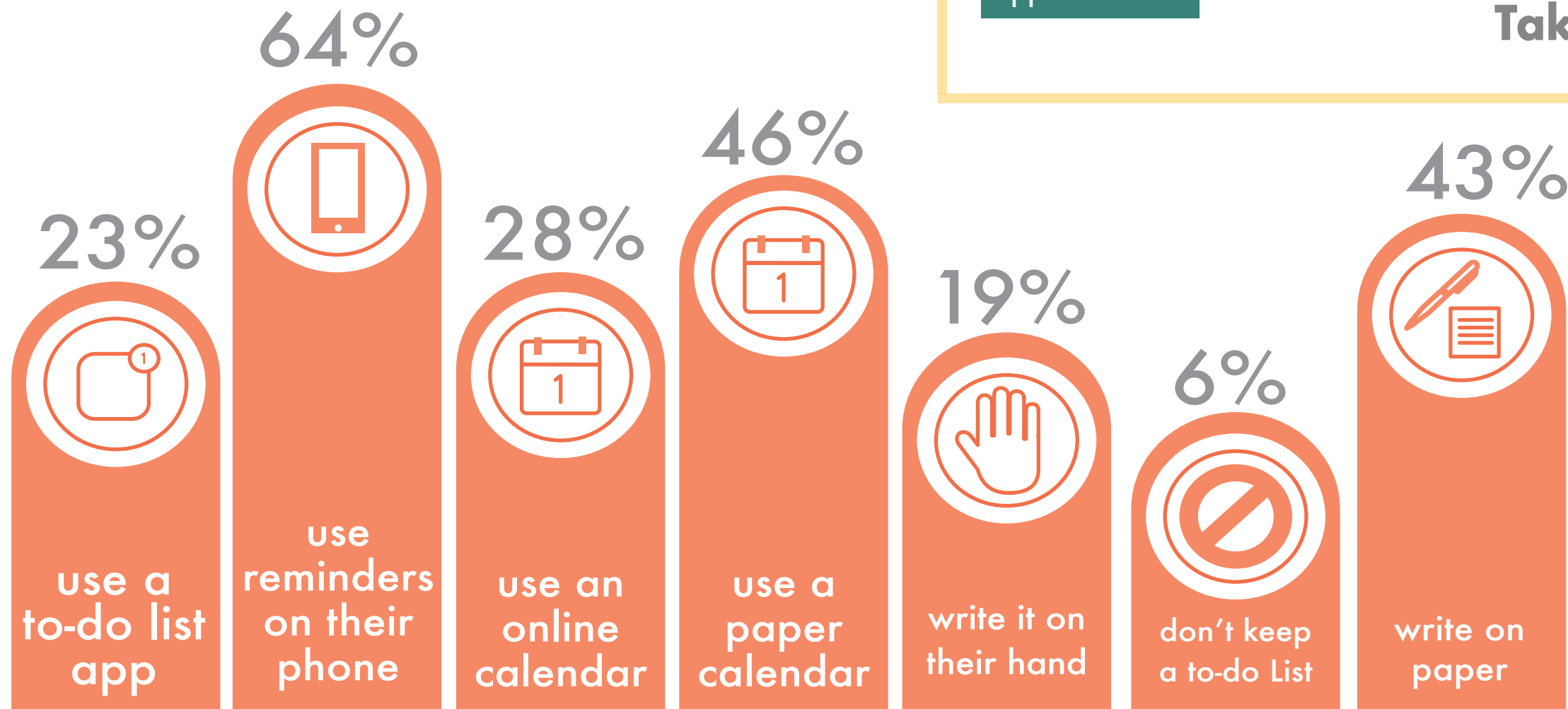
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|---|---|
| Paper | 86% |
| Digital Document | 64% |
| Recording | 16% |
| Note-Taking App | 10% |

**23%** use a to-do list app

**64%** use reminders on their phone

**28%** use an online calendar

**46%** use a paper calendar

**19%** write it on their hand

**6%** don't keep a to-do List
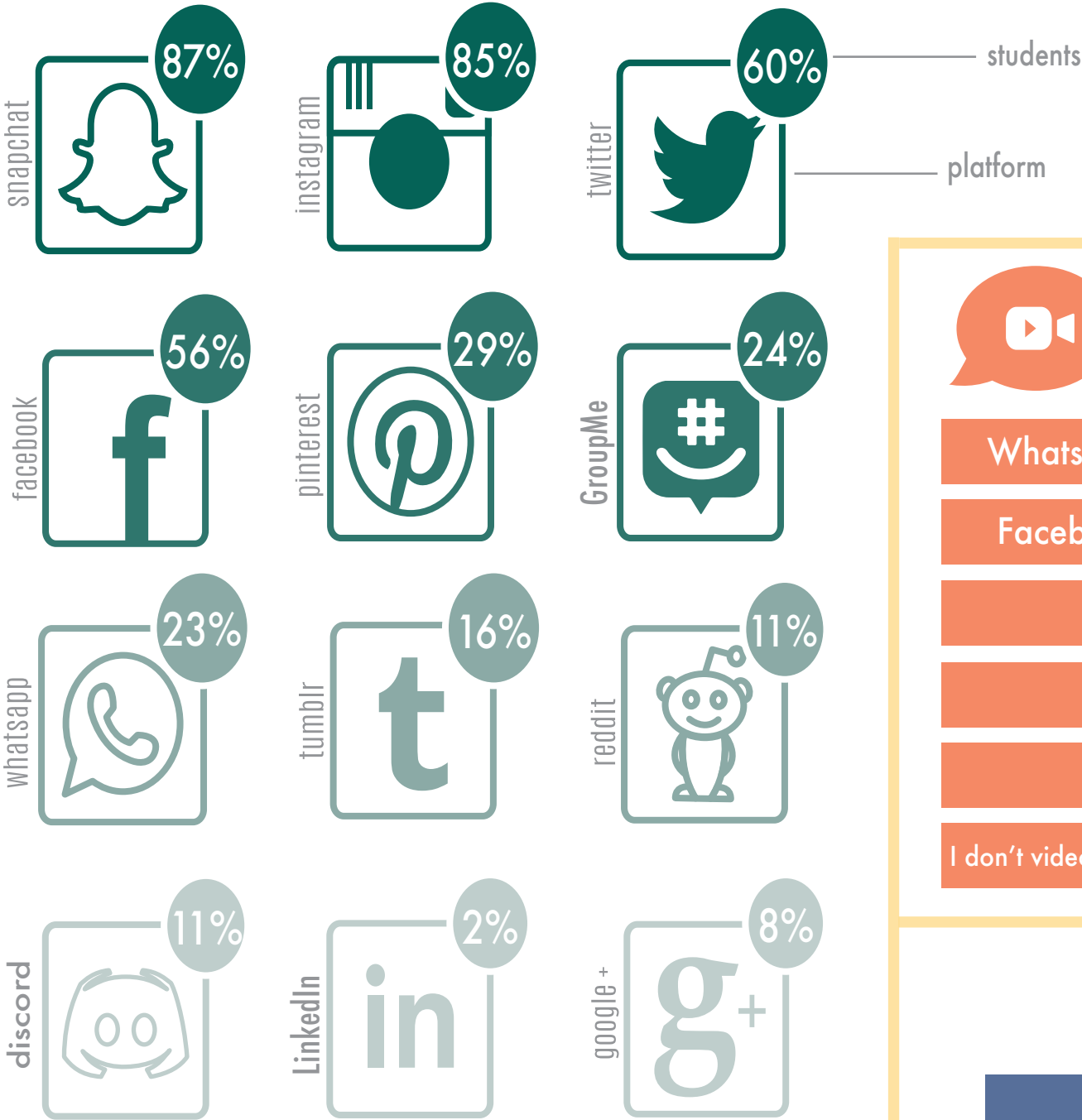
**43%** write on paper

**50%** use a paper calendar

**36%** use a digital calendar

**14%** do not use a calendar

# Communication preferences

## Students & Social Media

snapchat 87% — students / platform
instagram 85%
twitter 60%
facebook 56%
pinterest 29%
GroupMe 24%
whatsapp 23%
tumblr 16%
reddit 11%
discord 11%
LinkedIn 2%
google+ 8%

## How Students Prefer Professors to Contact Them

Phone 2%
Chat 1%
Text 37%
Email 60%

## How Students Video Chat

WhatsApp 10%
Facebook 11%
Skype 28%
Snapchat 34%
Facetime 75%
I don't video chat 10%
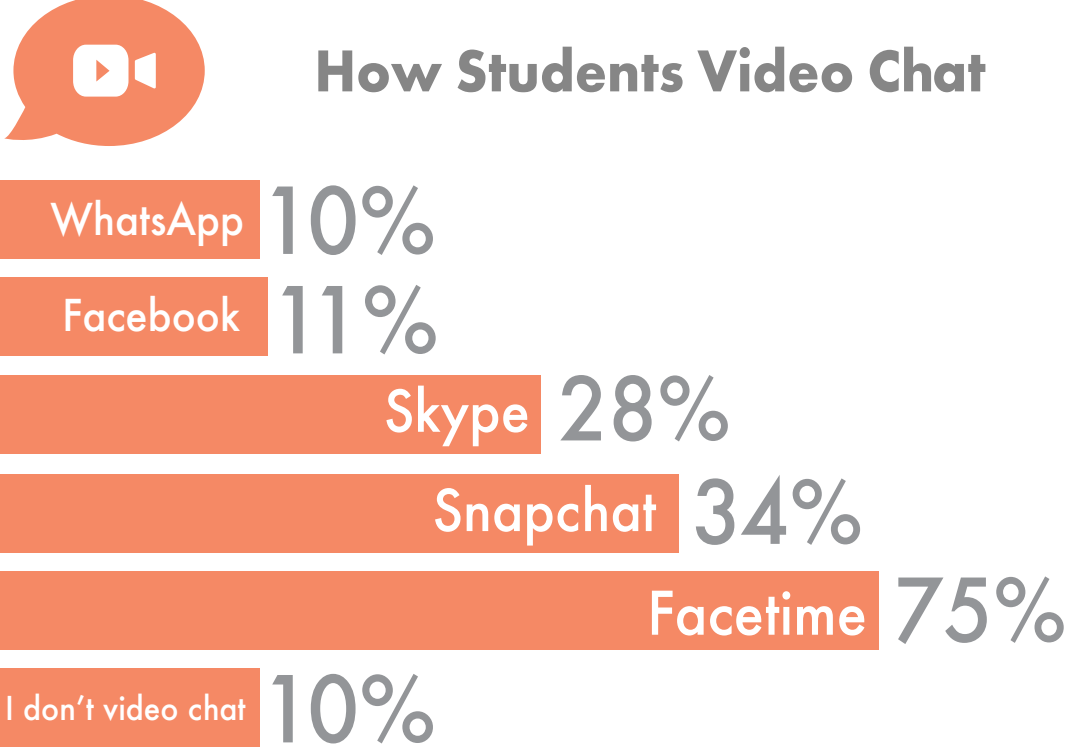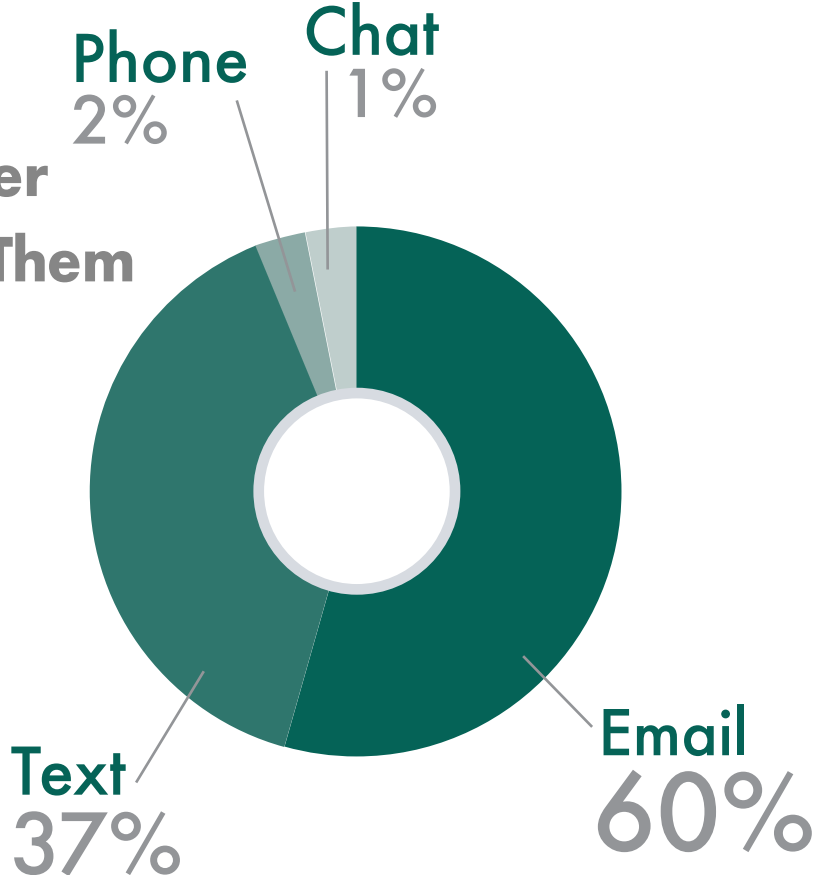
## How Often Students Check Their Email

19% check email when notified
10% check hourly
53% check daily
13% check 2–3 times per week
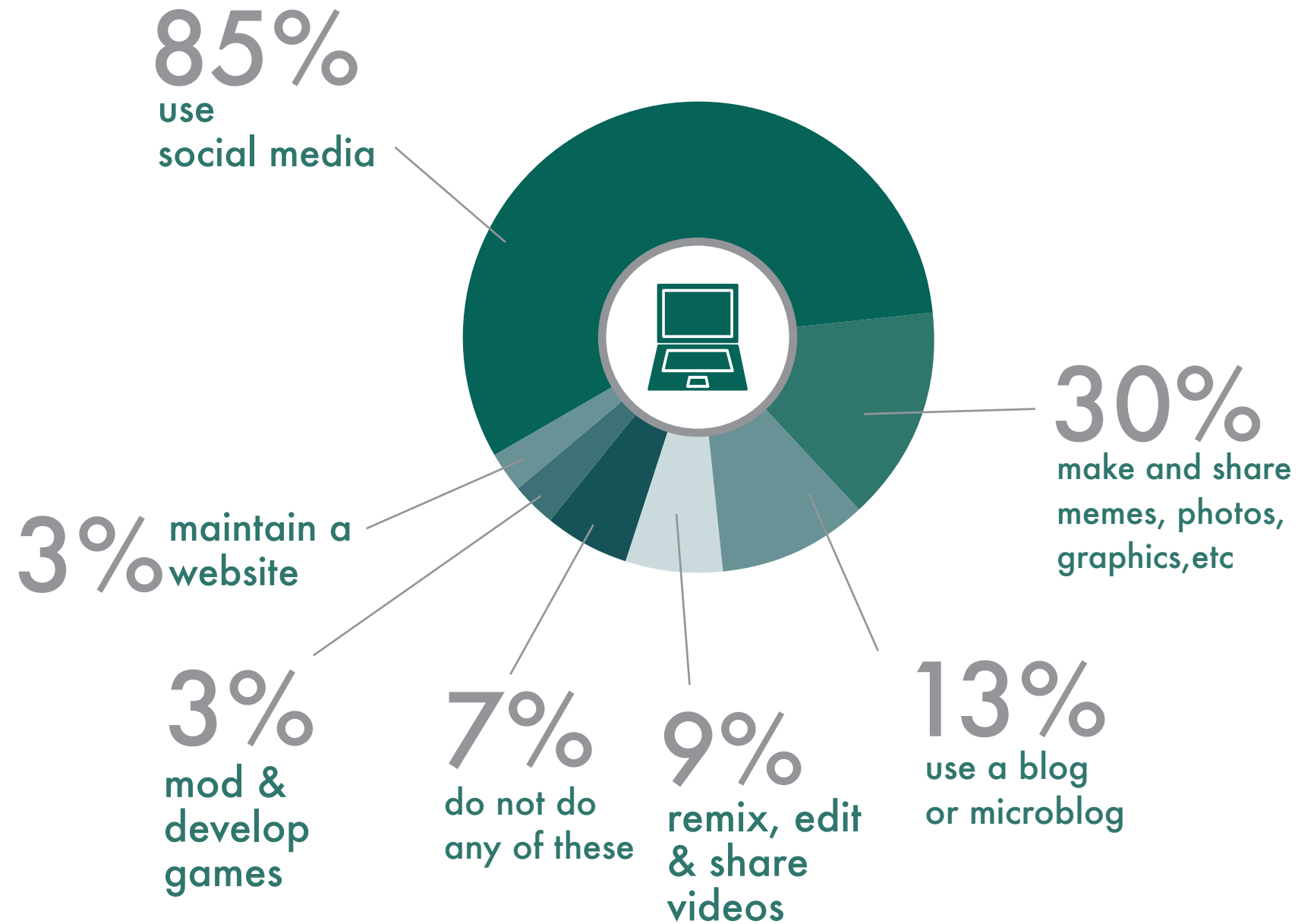4% check weekly
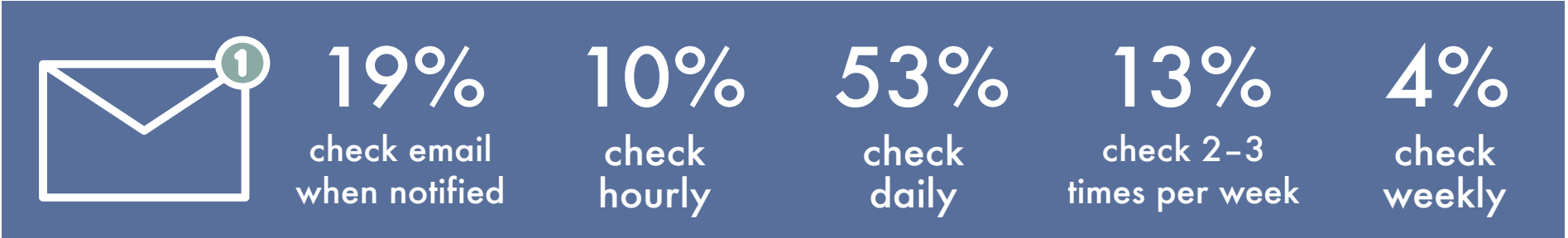
# Digital creation & innovation

## New Technologies

**3-D Printing**
16%
64%

**Virtual Reality**
28%
49%

**Fit Bit, Apple Watch, etc.**
44%
43%

**Artificial Intelligence**
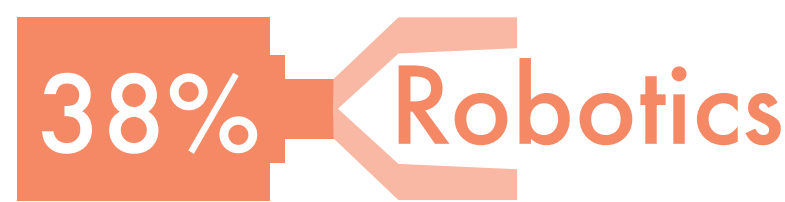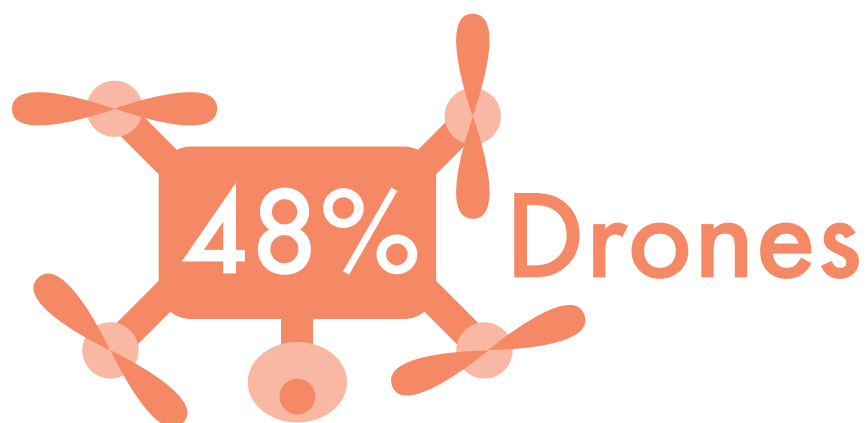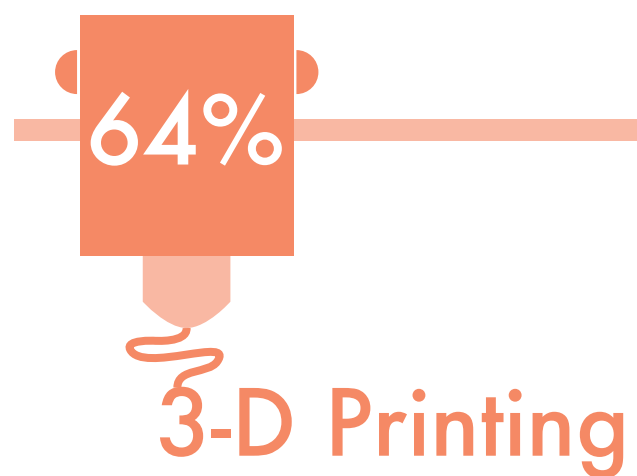8%
53%

**Laser Cutting**
3%
51%

**Robotics**
9%
37%

**Arduinos**
2%
27%

Used    Interested

## What Students Do on the Web

**85%** use social media

**30%** make and share memes, photos, graphics, etc

**3%** maintain a website

**3%** mod & develop games

**7%** do not do any of these

**9%** remix, edit & share videos

**13%** use a blog or microblog
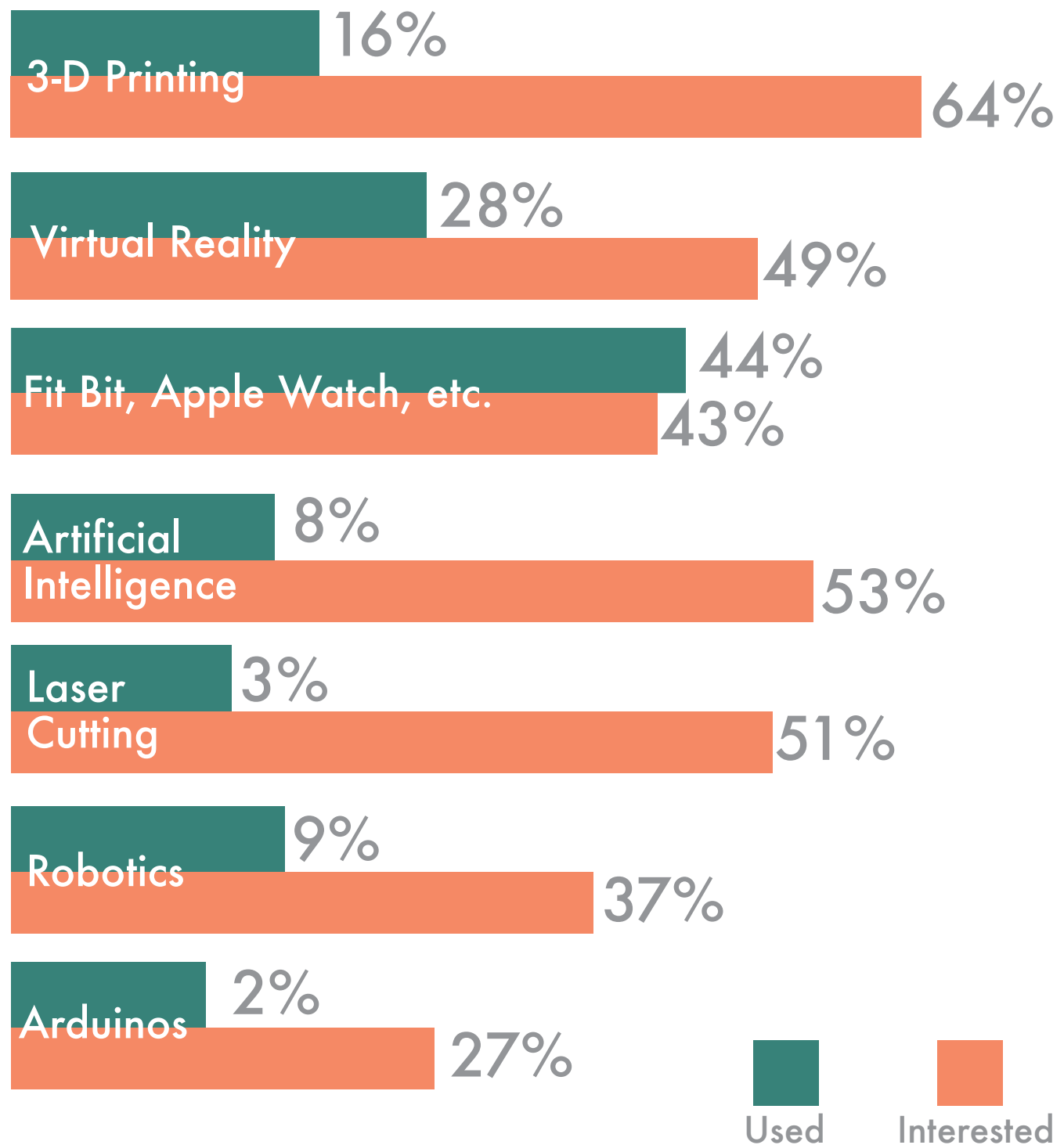
# Makerspace & making technologies

## New Technologies Students Are Interested In

**Students Interested in a Campus Makerspace**

86%

11%
Yes

3%
No

Don't know what this is

49% Virtual Reality

64%
3-D Printing

48% Drones

38% Robotics

51%
Laser Cutting

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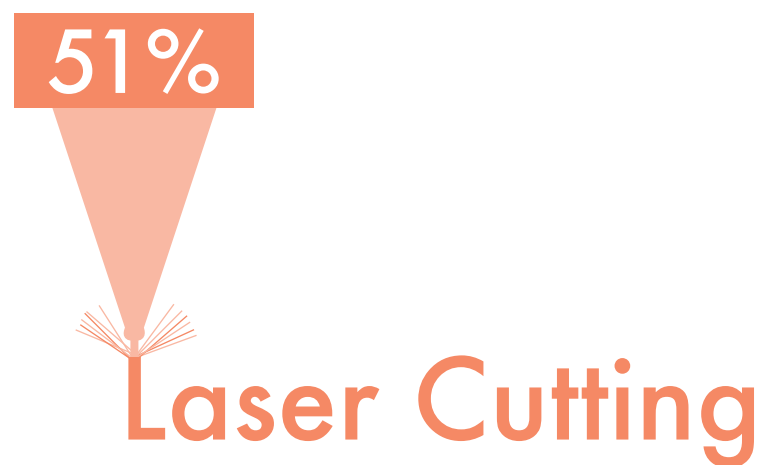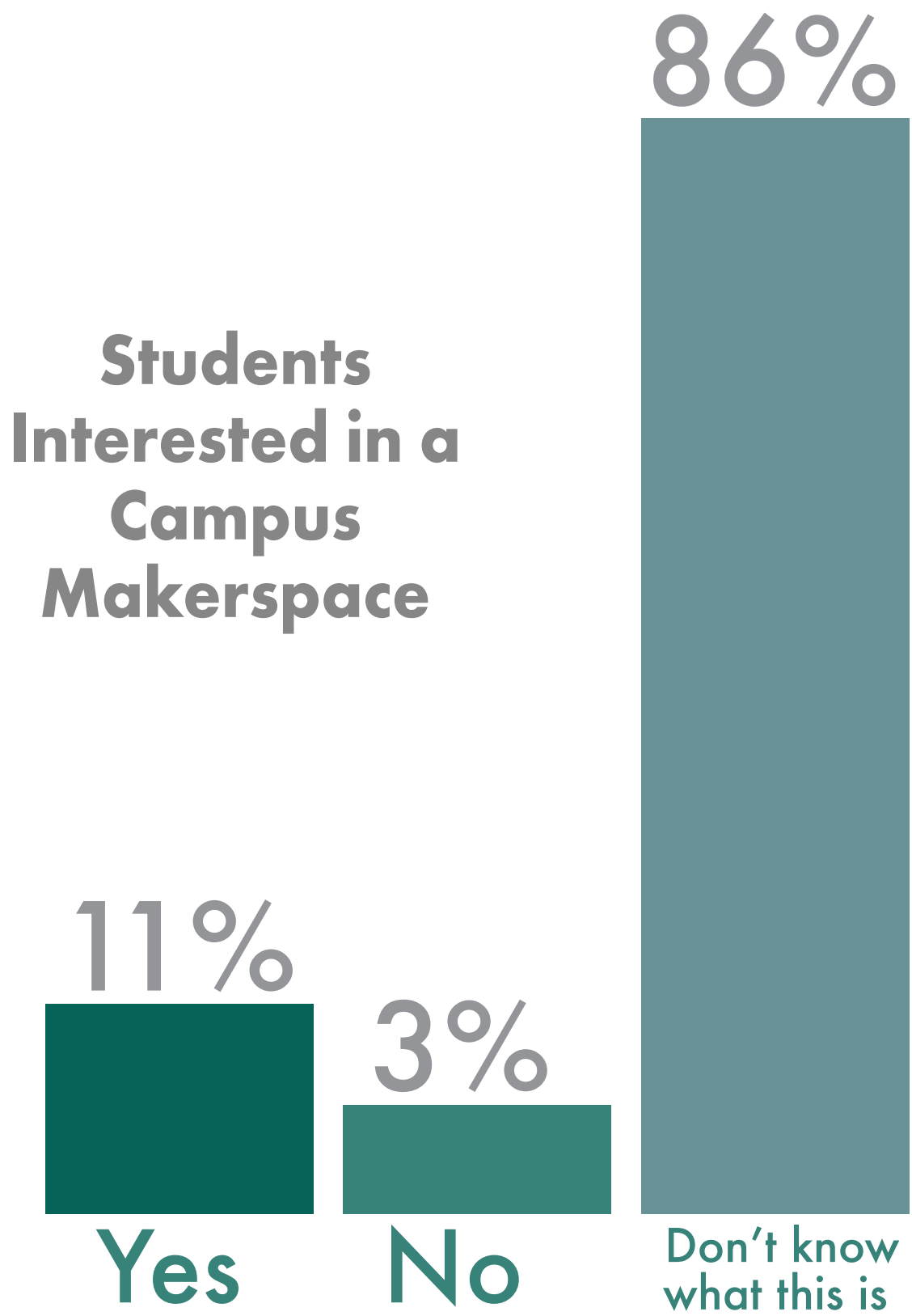
# Digital identity

## Students Who Maintain Digital Identities

Personal Website — 4%

Blog — 3%

Other — 4%

YouTube — 5%

Don't Know — 8%

Don't Maintain Digital Identities — 69%

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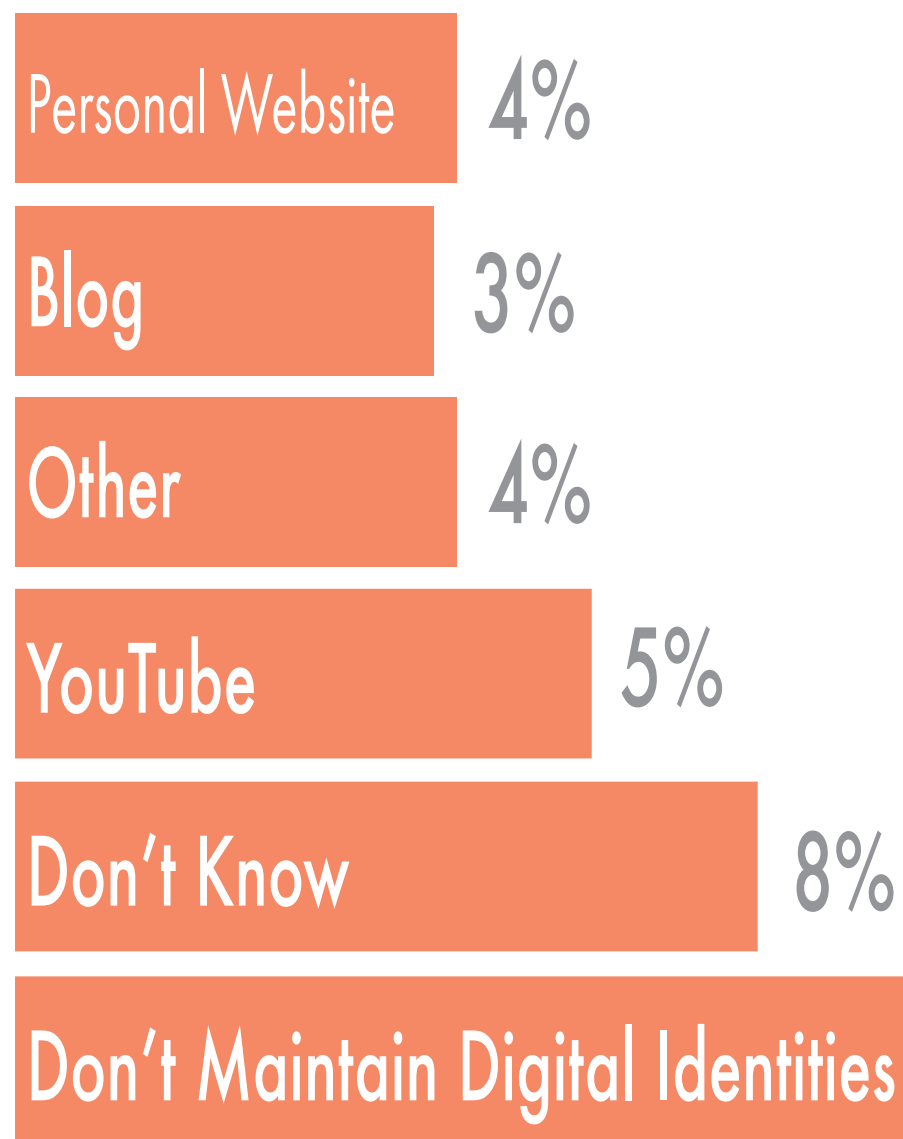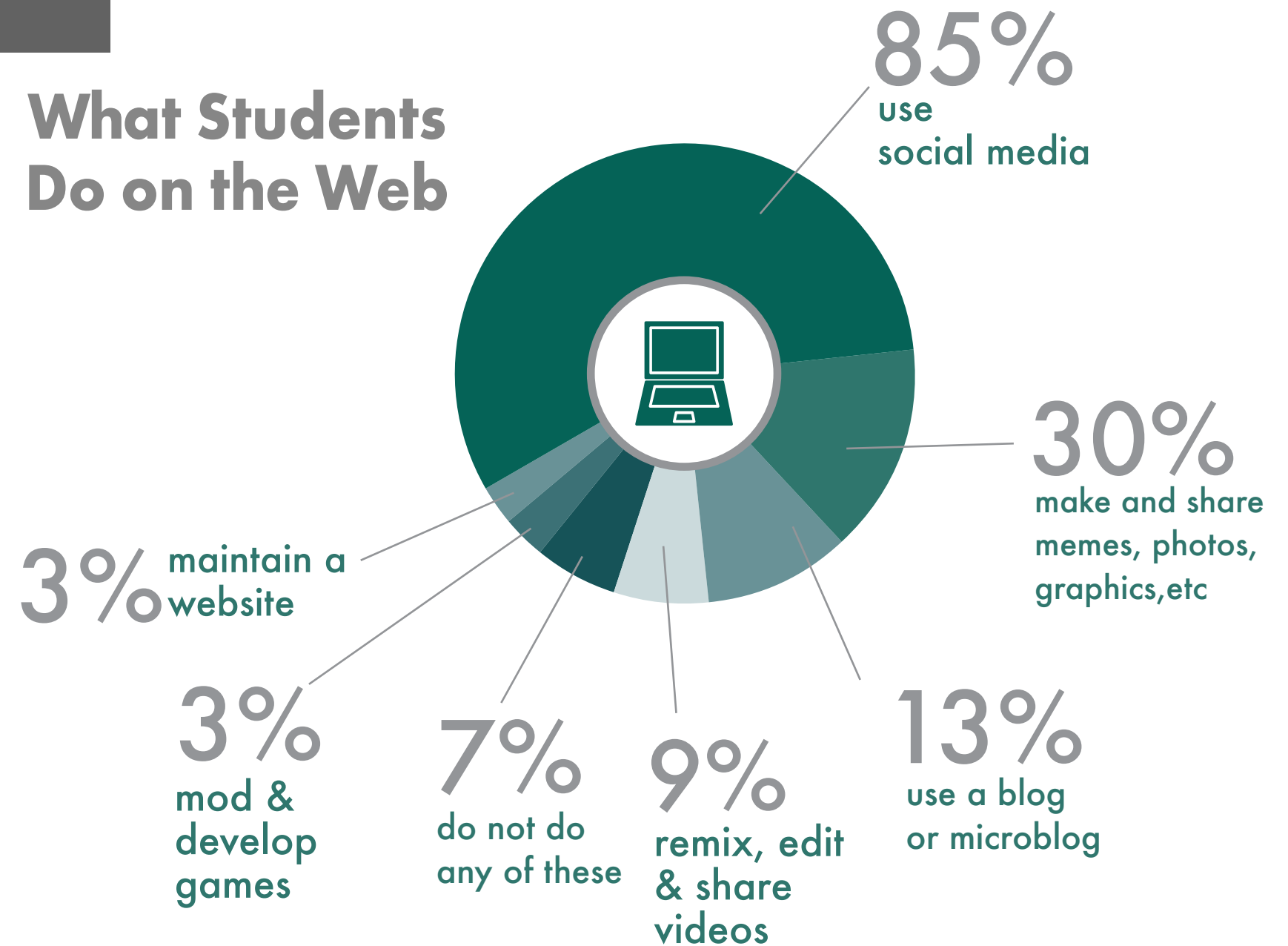
# Online learning

## Have Taken Classes Online

31% 2016
34% 2017
45% 2018
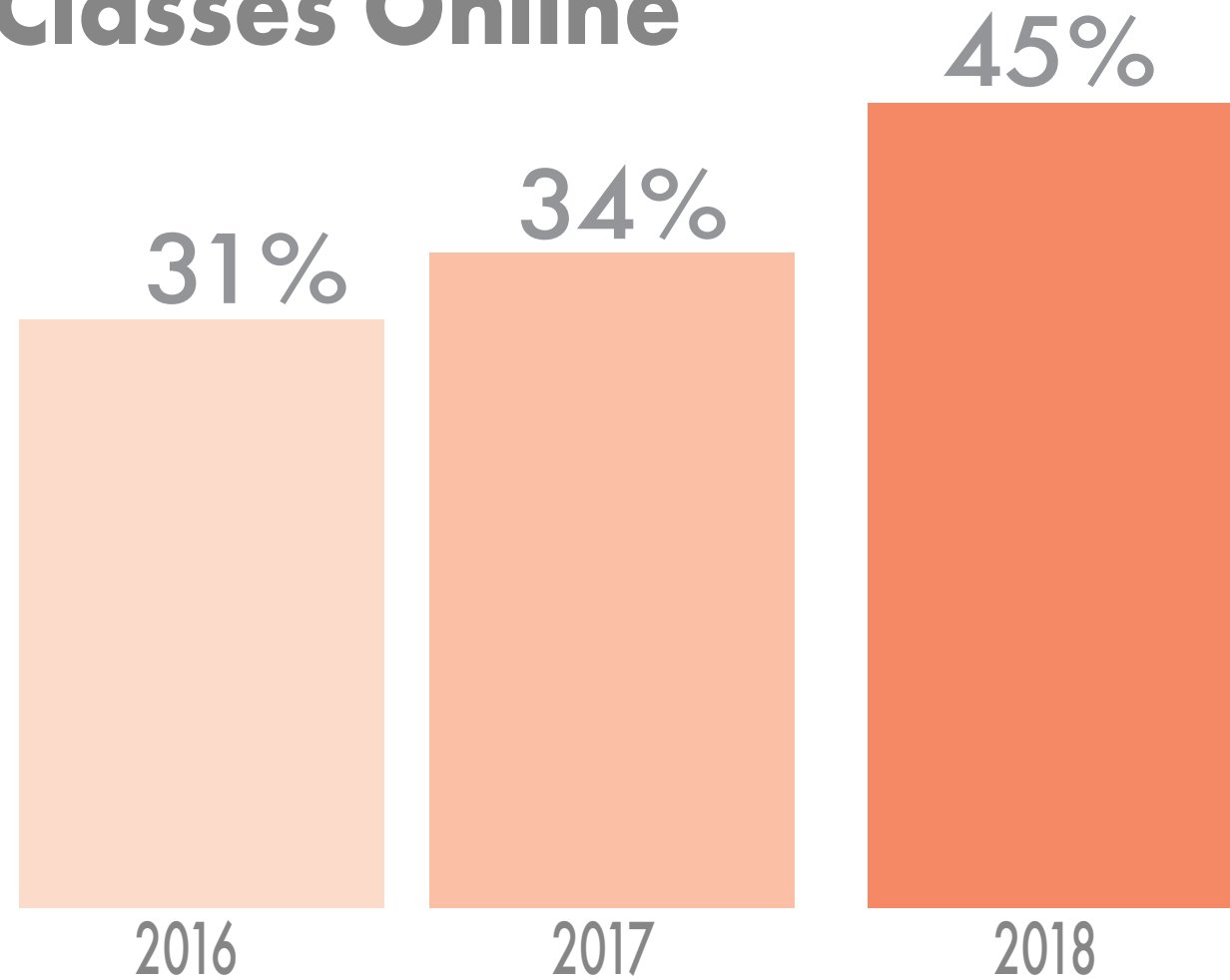
## Would Take an Online Class

71% of those who had taken a course online before

## Have Used a Learning Management System

49% 2015
56% 2016
78% 2017
90% 2018
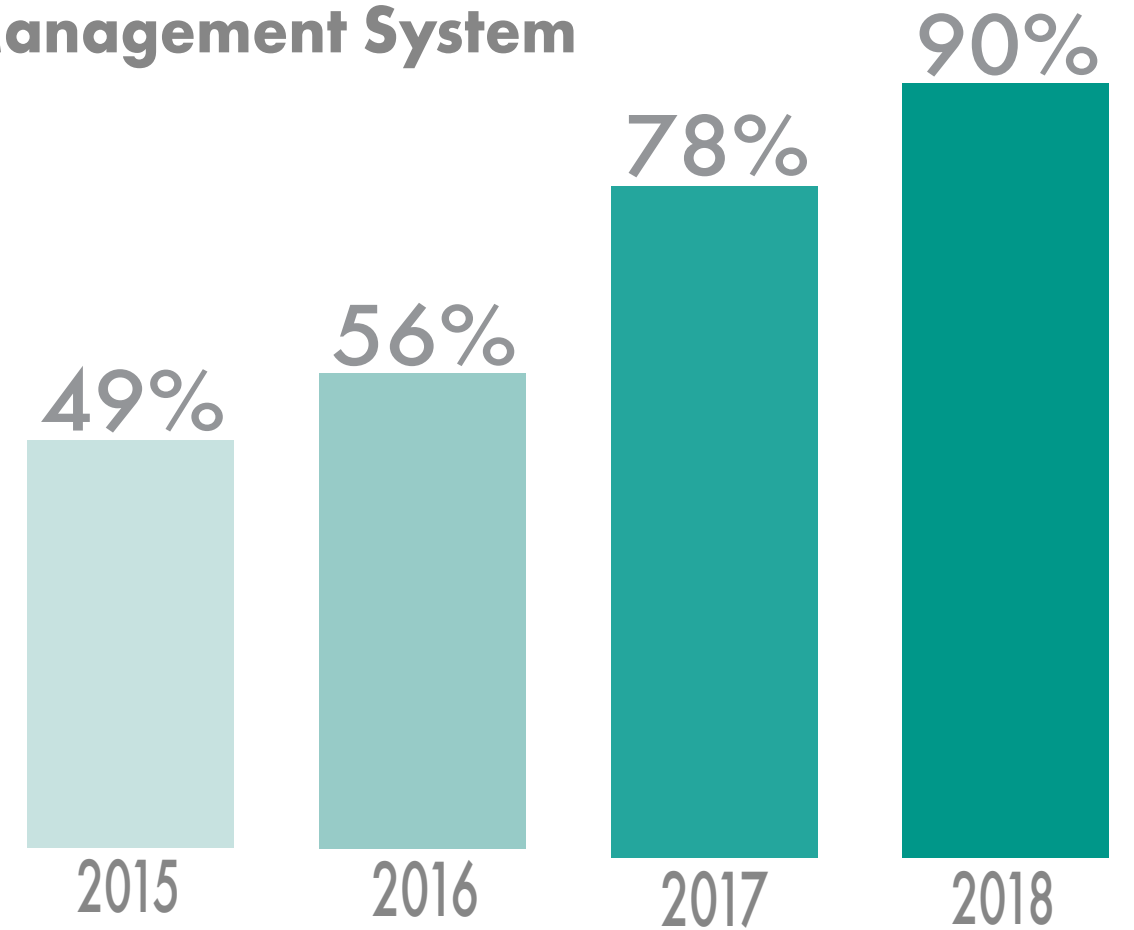
## Types of Learning Management Systems Used

2018

Edmodo 29%
Canvas 31%
Blackboard 36%
Google Classroom 48%