



Laptop, Tablet, & E-Reader Brigade® Spotlight Location

North Boone Community Unit School District 200



**Number of People
Collecting:**

20



**Units
Collected:**

93



**Points
Earned:**

46,700



Tell us more about yourself and your school.

North Boone Community Unit School District 200 serves approximately 1,750 students in pre-school through high school in the villages of Caledonia, Capron and Poplar Grove as well as the northern tier of unincorporated Boone County, Illinois. We serve a combination of rural and suburban areas. I work in the Information Technology department as a Computer Technician. Our responsibilities include everything from internet and network troubleshooting to desktop and laptop end user support.

Tell us why you participate in TerraCycle, and how you involve your school.

We participate in TerraCycle because we generate a lot of electronic waste that needs to be disposed of safely and responsibly. With all of the chemicals and metals that are contained in electronics, special care needs to be used in their disposal. TerraCycle takes care of this for us and we get money to reinvest in new technology for the students. It's a win-win for us.

Tell us a story about your most exciting, memorable, or inspiring moment in collecting for this Brigade.

When we started to refresh our computer hardware, we started to collect a lot of laptops that had reached the end of their useful life. They weren't powerful enough to run today's software and others were in poor condition from so many years of student use. It didn't make sense to donate them because of their age and condition and they began to pile up in a corner of our office. We looked at many different companies for a way to dispose of them and the majority wanted to be paid to take them. A coworker mentioned TerraCycle and when we found out that TerraCycle recycles them as well as giving us points that we could use to help the district, we were sold! We can be environmentally responsible and help our students at the same time.

