

Technology Plan:
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Executive Summary

Technology supports the strong tradition and goals of excellence that the Russell Independent Schools system has fostered over the years. Our mission states, “We will commit resources and staff to enable students to develop the necessary skills that empower all students to pursue academic excellence as demonstrated in achievement of state and national standards.” Our district is therefore committed to capitalizing on all available funding sources to ensure the priorities established by our district are accomplished. The vision for the Technology Program at Russell Independent Schools is to support our schools in accomplishing the district’s mission, while integrating 21st Century technology that will empower the learning community to become information-literate critical thinkers and achieve lifelong learning goals in their personal, educational, and workplace environment. Priorities for this year will include the need of proper staffing of our department, as well as expansion of the 21st Century Classroom Initiative/Grant Program in our district, and the continuation of the integration of technology into classrooms to further authentic learning tasks and improve student achievement.

The Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Master Plan 2007-2012 outlines the standards that have been set for completion of this phase. Russell Independent School District is committed to meeting the requirements of the plan by making choices that will enhance learning within the district.

<http://education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Technology/Master+Plan/2007-2012+Master+Plan.htm>

The National Education Technology Plan was also consulted in the writing of this plan. <https://edtechfuture.org>
<http://www.ed.gov/category/keyword/ed-tech?page=5>

Planning Process / Methodology

In order to implement a comprehensive district technology plan for the safe, effective integration of technology that will provide appropriate guidelines for acquisition, training, and support for staff, students, and the community, the following steps will be taken:

- Survey and research the most effective practices for technology integration in schools.
- Recommend technology plan be embedded in the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan at each school, with input from all stakeholders.
- Provide adequate technology resources to support students, staff, and community.
- Utilize Professional Growth Plans of district employees to determine professional development needs, and then provide that training for district employees to equip them with the knowledge of ways to integrate technology into their instruction of Core Standards.
- Update the Russell Independent District Technology plan annually, based upon evaluation data, research, and committee review.
- Disseminate information to assist faculty and staff in purchase of home computers and software.
- The technology department will provide consultation to Family Resource Center on support and technical purchases.
- Professional Development Training for district employees enabling them to update and maintain school and classroom web sites to include relevant information to school and community.
- Update and maintain the district web site and other networking tools to include relevant information to school community.

The Technology Committee will review these steps to evaluate their implementation annually.