

A thorough system of public schools has been defined by the Idaho Legislature as one in which students are introduced to current technology.

Throughout this school district's educational system, technology will be integral to curriculum, instruction and assessment. Technology moves communication to a new dimension. This district's educational system must lay the foundation for students to be able to participate comfortably in an increasingly technological society. Classroom activities will include instruction using multimedia, distance learning and other technologies.

DISTANCE LEARNING SETTINGS

In distance learning settings, this district will provide for:

1. Adequate student contact with a teacher or paraprofessional during the instructional process.
2. Ready access for answering student questions.
3. Adequate teacher time to provide students with feedback on assignments and questions.

COOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL INITIATIVES

It is the policy of this district to utilize current technology available for instruction and student use, as appropriate to the student population and subject matter. To ensure that the students and personnel are utilizing current technology to enhance the educational process, this district will evaluate the use of technology in the schools on an annual basis. Based on such evaluation and the district's budgetary constraints, the board of trustees will prioritize the needs of the various schools and allocate funds to purchase new and replacement equipment and provide training, as necessary, to meet the intent this policy.

This district may enter into cooperative instruction with post-secondary institutions, other districts and other sources, at its discretion. This district will be responsible for the quality of the programs offered and will assure that all state standards are met.

A district technology committee, whose membership will be determined by the superintendent or designee, will evaluate the use of technology in each classroom. At a minimum, the committee will assess the following issues:

1. The quantity and quality of the available equipment;
2. The application of technology for instructional purposes;

3. Staff training needs;
4. The methods by which the students receive instruction and opportunity for application of technological advances; and
5. The utilization of technology to aid in record keeping and communication.

The committee will issue an annual report to the board of trustees setting forth its assessment, and it will provide the board with information regarding the availability and use of technology in every school in the district. The annual report will include recommendations regarding training for personnel and acquisition of new and replacement equipment. The board of trustees will take the task force's recommendations into consideration to provide the schools with adequate equipment and training as needed to provide the students with an introduction to current technology.

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LEGAL REFERENCE:

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