

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.

COOPERATIVE INSTURCTIONAL INITIATIVES

It is the policy of this school district to utilize current technology as 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 school 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 of this policy.

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

Each school whose membership will be determined by the Superintendent or his or her designee, will evaluate the use of technology in each classroom. At a minimum, the task-force 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 task-force 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

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equipment and training as needed to provide the students with an introduction to current technology.

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