

TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS

Background

By establishing technology standards, technicians can develop expertise regarding the technology and the ability to ensure value and Total Cost of Ownership (TCO), buying power, compatibility with other currently installed systems and PRSDnet, staff/student/parent familiarity and enhance professional development and compliance with Vendor Competition Laws and Division procedures.

Procedures

1. All technology purchases must be approved by the Director of Technology Services.
2. Due to the rapid changes in the field of technology, the Director of Technology will revisit the Division technology standards annually.
3. Approval by the Director of Technology Services is necessary for purchases of equipment that does not meet the Division's technology standard. Exceptions can be made if a clear educational need is demonstrated that cannot be met with an existing standard.
4. Personally Owned Device (POD) wireless networks exist at all Division sites. Principals and department supervisors cannot purchase technology inclusive or exclusive of the technology standards for use on the POD network. Exceptions can be made if a clear educational need is demonstrated that cannot be met with an existing technology on PRSDnet. These exceptions must be approved by the Director of Technology Services.
5. Standalone computers are school-owned computers that are not connected to PRSDnet. Standalone computers are only permitted and supported if a clear educational need is demonstrated that cannot be met with a computer on PRSDnet. Approval from the Director of Technology Services is needed before a standalone computer is permitted.
6. The Director of Technology Services will ensure the repair of devices that are under warranty. Equipment no longer covered by warranty may still be repaired by Technology Services staff. If the technology was purchased by the site, any cost for repair would need to be approved and accepted by the site administrator. All costs repairs related to vandalism or other misuse must be covered by the school.

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Reference: Section 52, 53, 196, 197, 222 Education Act
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