

**DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN**

The Governing Board recognizes that technological resources can enhance student achievement by increasing student access to information, developing their technological literacy skills, and providing instruction tailored to student needs. Effective use of technology can also increase the efficiency of the district's noninstructional operations and governance. The Board is committed to the development and maintenance of a districtwide infrastructure and to providing staff professional development that will allow the implementation of existing and new technologies.

Note: Education Code 51871.5 requires districts to develop a three- to five-year education technology plan as a condition of receiving any technology grant administered by the California Department of Education (CDE). As required by Education Code 51871.5, the CDE has developed criteria for reviewing technology plans which are described in Education Technology Planning: A Guide for School Districts. See the accompanying administrative regulation for information about the required components of the plan.

In addition, Education Code 52295.35, 5 CCR 11974, and 20 USC 6764 require development of a technology plan for districts receiving funding under the federal Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) grant program to enhance teaching and learning in grades 4-8. Pursuant to Education Code 52295.25, to be eligible for EETT, a district or consortium of districts must (1) have a high number or high percentage of children from low-income families and (2) either have one or more schools identified for program improvement or corrective action under the No Child Left Behind Act (see BP/AR 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools) or have a "substantial need" for assistance in acquiring and using technology as defined in 5 CCR 11973. According to the CDE, a plan that meets the CDE criteria for state technology grants would also satisfy the requirements of the EETT plan.

47 CFR 54.508 requires an approved technology plan as a prerequisite for the E-rate application for federal universal service discounts. The CDE has delegated its authority to approve E-rate technology plans to local county offices of education, which will approve, certify, and retain technology plans for the school districts in their jurisdiction. According to the CDE, a CDE-approved plan for EETT or a state technology grant program will satisfy the requirement for the E-rate plan with the completion of a supplemental budget analysis form.

A CDE-approved technology plan which meets the EETT criteria is also required for participation in the Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program which resulted from the settlement agreement between California consumers and the Microsoft Corporation in Microsoft Cases, J.C.C.P. No. 4106, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Department 305. The vouchers are offered to K-12 schools at which at least 40 percent of the students are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a three- to five-year technology plan which:

1. Focuses on the use of technology to improve student achievement and is aligned with the district's vision and goals for student learning
2. Contains clear goals for the use of technology based on an assessment of district needs

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3. Addresses all components required for state or federal technology grant programs, administered by the California Department of Education, in which the district participates (Education Code 51871.5, 52295.35; 5 CCR 11974; 20 USC 6764; 47 CFR 54.508)
4. Addresses the use of technology to improve district governance, district and school site administration, support services, and communications

**Planning Team**

The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a planning team to assist with the development of the technology plan. The recommendations of the committee shall be advisory only and shall not be binding on the Board. The plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

10550-10555 Telecommunications standards

11800 K-12 High Speed Network grant program

51006 Computer education and resources

51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills

51865 California distance learning policy

51870-51874 Educational technology

52270-52272 Education technology and professional development grants

52295.10-52295.55 Implementation of federal Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) grant program

60010 Instructional materials, definition

66940-66941 Distance learning

PENAL CODE

502 Computer crimes, remedies

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11971-11979.5 Enhancing Education Through Technology grants

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6751-6777 Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, No Child Left Behind Act, Title II, Part D

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47

254 Universal service discounts (E-rate)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47

54.500-54.523 Universal service support for schools, especially:

54.508 Technology plan