

TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS

Background

Establishing technology standards ensures that the Division's available technical support staff can effectively support approved technologies. Standardization allows technicians to develop expertise, supports value and total cost of ownership (TCO), increases buying power, ensures compatibility with existing systems, improves staff, student, and parent familiarity, supports professional development, and ensures compliance with legislation and Division procedures.

Procedures

1. All technology procured for use within the Division, regardless of funding source or donation status, must be approved by the Director of School Operations or designate. Upon approval, such technology becomes the property of the Division and is subject to the management, policies, and procedures of the Division under the oversight of the Director of School Operations.
2. Due to the rapid changes in the field of technology, the Director of School Operations will revisit the Division technology standards as needed.
3. 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. These exceptions must be approved by the Director of School Operations.
4. All repair costs related to vandalism or other misuse of technology must be covered by the school.

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Reference: *Education Act* s. 33, 52, 53, 187, 197, 222
I.T.I.L. Standards
Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board
Board Policy 11 – Board Delegation of Authority
Board Policy 12 – Role of the Superintendent
Board Policy 21 – Site Based Decision Making
Administrative Procedure 140 – Responsible Technology Use
Administrative Procedure 145 – Use of Personally Owned Devices (PODS)
Administrative Procedure 430 – Role of Principals
Administrative Procedure 502 – Acquisition of Equipment
Administrative Procedure 515 – Purchasing Authority