



Technology Tools for Teachers

Objective

The Technology Tools for Teachers provides Florida the opportunity to lead the nation by providing all teachers in K-12 public schools with the digital tools necessary to improve teaching and learning in the classroom. This innovative program goes beyond simply providing hardware to teachers, but includes software, training, and digital resources necessary to enhance student achievement in the classroom.

Goals

- The teacher's utilization of technology as a tool to improve the education of Florida's students.
- The development of flexible models for professional development that meets the needs of the teachers to integrate technology in the curriculum.
- Providing instructional staff with the digital content and tools necessary to utilize technology in the teaching and learning process.
- The development of partnerships among the state, districts, and business community to provide teachers with training on the utilization of technology.

Development Partners

- University of South Florida, *Florida Center for Instructional Technology*
- Florida State University, *Florida Center for Interactive Media*
- Florida Distance Learning Consortium

Implementation Plan

- The Bureau of Instruction and Innovation:
 - procures a fixed price package for the technology tools with vendors.
 - provides guidance to districts on the development of an advisory committee for the deployment plan to teachers.
- Districts will:
 - create an advisory committee with members to include, curriculum and instruction, instructional technology, instructional materials, information services, and assessment
 - develop a deployment plan that addresses the following issues:
 - curriculum and instruction
 - teacher level of computer use
 - instructional materials
 - instructional and technical support
 - community involvement
 - receive funding to partner and purchase laptop computers from the vendors.
 - expand existing technical support services to include the laptop computers.