



10 Ideas to Consider Before Purchasing New Technology

- 1 Start by identifying a teaching and learning need to be filled, rather than focusing on the technology itself.
- 2 Don't tie technology to a room—let it move where and when needed.
- 3 Create from the outset a means to measure whether the new technology is raising student achievement.
- 4 Start with volunteers. Not all staff may want the new technology.
- 5 Ask which policies, practices, or schedules must change to take full advantage of the new technology.
- 6 Value administrative technology as much as classroom technology.
- 7 If significant professional development is required, then perhaps some staff members aren't ready for the new technology.
- 8 Calculate the total cost to educate a student before and after the adoption of new technology.
- 9 Consider utilizing student-owned technology before purchasing for the district.
- 10 Remember, good teaching still matters most.