

Instructional Technology

Student Proficiencies — Grades 6-8

Foundations	Six Weeks					
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1A Demonstrate knowledge and appropriate use of operating systems, software applications, and communication and networking components.						
1B Compare, contrast, and appropriately use various input, processing, output, and primary/secondary storage devices.						
1C Demonstrate the ability to select and use software for a defined task according to quality, appropriateness, effectiveness, and efficiency.						
1D Delineate and make necessary adjustments regarding compatibility issues including, but not limited to, digital file formats and cross platform connectivity.						
1E Use technology terminology appropriate to the task.						
1F Perform basic software application functions including, but not limited to, opening an application program and creating, modifying, printing, and saving documents.						
1G Explain the differences between analog and digital technology systems and give examples of each.						
1H Use terminology related to the Internet appropriately including, but not limited to electronic mail (e-mail), Uniform Resource Locators (URLs), electronic bookmarks, local area networks (LANs), wide area networks (WANs), World Wide Web (WWW) page, and HyperText Markup Language (HTML).						
1I Compare and contrast LANs, WANs, Internet, and intranet.						
2A Demonstrate proficiency in the use of a variety of input devices such as mouse/track pad, keyboard, microphone, digital camera, printer, scanner, disk/disc, modem, CD-ROM, or joystick.						
2B Demonstrate keyboarding proficiency in technique and posture while building speed.						
2C Use digital keyboarding standards for data input such as one space after punctuation, the use of em/en dashes, and smart quotation marks.						
2D Develop strategies for capturing digital files while conserving memory and retaining image quality.						
3A Discuss copyright laws/issues and model ethical acquisition and use of digital information, citing sources using established methods.						
3B Demonstrate proper etiquette and knowledge of acceptable use while in an individual classroom, lab, or on the Internet and intranet.						

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3C Describe the consequences regarding copyright violations including, but not limited to, computer hacking, computer piracy, intentional virus setting, and invasion of privacy.						
3D Identify the impact of technology applications on society through research, interviews, and personal observation.						
3E Demonstrate knowledge of the relevancy of technology to future careers, life-long learning, and daily living for individuals of all ages.						
Information Acquisition						
4A Use strategies to locate and acquire desired information on LANs and WANs, including the Internet, intranet, and collaborative software.						
4B Apply appropriate electronic search strategies in the acquisition of information including keyword and Boolean search strategies.						
5A Identify, create, and use files in various formats such as text, bitmapped/vector graphics, image, video, and audio files.						
5B Demonstrate the ability to access, operate, and manipulate information from secondary storage and remote devices including CD-ROM/laser discs and on-line catalogs.						
5C Use on-line help and other documentation.						
6A Determine and employ methods to evaluate the electronic information for accuracy and validity.						
6B Resolve information conflicts and validate information through accessing, researching, and comparing data.						
6C Demonstrate the ability to identify the source, location, media type, relevancy, and content validity of available information.						
Solving Problems						
7A Plan, create, and edit documents created with a word processor using readable fonts, alignment, page setup, tabs, and ruler settings.						
7B Create and edit spreadsheet documents using all data types, formulas and functions, and chart information.						
7C Plan, create, and edit databases by defining fields, entering data, and designing layouts appropriate for reporting.						
7D Demonstrate proficiency in the use of multimedia authoring programs by creating linear or non-linear projects incorporating text, audio, video, and graphics.						
7E Create a document using desktop publishing techniques including, but not limited to, the creation of multi-column or multi-section documents with a variety of text-wrapped frame formats.						

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7F Differentiate between and demonstrate the appropriate use of a variety of graphic tools found in draw and paint applications.						
7G Integrate two or more productivity tools into a document including, but not limited to, tables, charts and graphs, graphics from paint or draw programs, and mail merge.						
7H Use interactive virtual environments, appropriate to level, such as virtual reality or simulations.						
7I Use technical writing strategies to create products such as a technical instruction guide.						
7J Use foundation and enrichment curricula in the creation of products.						
8A Participate with electronic communities as a learner, initiator, contributor, and teacher/mentor.						
8B Complete tasks using technological collaboration such as sharing information through on-line communications.						
8C Use groupware, collaborative software, and productivity tools to create products.						
8D Use technology in self-directed activities by sharing products for defined audiences.						
8E Integrate acquired technology applications skills, strategies, and use of the word processor, database, spreadsheet, telecommunications, draw, paint, and utility programs into the foundation and enrichment curricula.						
9A Design and implement procedures to track trends, set timelines, and review/evaluate progress for continual improvement in process and product.						
9B Resolve information conflicts and validate information through research and comparison of data.						
Communication						
10A Use productivity tools to create effective document files for defined audiences such as slide shows, posters, multimedia presentations, newsletters, brochures, or reports.						
10B Demonstrate the use of a variety of layouts in a database to communicate information appropriately including horizontal and vertical layouts.						
10C Create a variety of spreadsheet layouts containing descriptive labels and page settings.						
10D Demonstrate appropriate use of fonts, styles, and sizes, as well as effective use of graphics and page design to effectively communicate.						

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10E Match the chart style to the data when creating and labeling charts.						
11A Publish information in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, printed copy, monitor display, Internet documents, and video.						
11B Design and create interdisciplinary multimedia presentations for defined audiences including audio, video, text, and graphics.						
11C Use telecommunication tools for publishing such as Internet browsers, video conferencing, or distance learning.						
12A Design and implement procedures to track trends, set timelines, and review and evaluate the product using technology tools such as database managers, daily/monthly planners, and project management tools.						
12B Determine and employ technology specifications to evaluate projects for design, content delivery, purpose, and audience, demonstrating that process and product can be evaluated using established criteria or rubrics.						
12C Select representative products to be collected and stored in an electronic evaluation tool.						
12D Evaluate the product for relevance to the assignment or task.						