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Technology

Ruidoso Municipal School District has successfully implemented a long term technology plan. The plan was developed in 2009 and submitted to and approved by the district school board in May of 2009 expiring in 2012. A copy of the technology plan is attached at the end of this facility master plan. Currently, they meet and exceed the New Mexico State Adequacy Standard for technology of having one computer for every three students at each school campus.

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

The Ruidoso School Board has developed the following vision statement for their schools:

The Ruidoso Municipal School District and our community believe that all children can learn. Through a positive, caring, nurturing, and safe environment, our students will develop the social, ethical, and academic skills to set and achieve goals to fulfill their dreams.

In addition, a specific long-range technology goal has been adopted for their students:

The Ruidoso Municipal School District will continually increase student experiences and skills in applying technology to solve problems, acquire knowledge, produce projects, demonstrate creativity, and communicate ideas through engaged learning.

This plan recognizes that we are indeed in an information era and that technology is changing every day. The technology plan for RMSD is designed to be both a blueprint to lead the Ruidoso Municipal School District in the 21st Century and a resource for staff and students who are using technology in the teaching/learning process.

The technology plan is part of RMSD's overall district Educational Plan for Student Success (EPSS). The plan is an integral part in supporting their three target areas:

1. Caring for Self and Others - Students will recognize and apply positive options to solve peer/adult relationship issues and conflicts, and demonstrate respect and responsibility for each other.
Students will promote appropriate behavior and be responsible for their own actions
2. Communication - Students will show improvement in written communication skills across the curriculum (RMSD Technology Plan Page 3). All students will improve reading skills across the curriculum

3. Math - All students will improve mathematical literacy across the curriculum, with all fourth graders performing at grade level, and all RHS students completing at least two math courses beyond Algebra I.

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN

The technology plan is an integral part of the RMSD Educational Plan for Student Success. The plan is a comprehensive strategy for educational growth for students and educators, modernization of outdated technologies, decision and accountability guidelines and financial resources for funding. RMSD follows the North Central Association Outcomes Accreditation process in conducting self-studies, identifying target areas and formulating School Improvement Plans. The in-depth self-study process conducted by RMSD is conducted at both the building and district level. This gives RMSD a high level of accountability in the EPSS process. Every year a wide range of student data is collected and analyzed at school and district levels and used to develop the School Improvement Plans. The Improvement plans are prepared with strategies to improve student success in the EPSS targeted goals.

The specific needs for the Ruidoso district are:

1. Recognition of the unique multicultural school/community of the area,
2. Awareness of high mobility rate and impact on programming and evaluation,
3. Concern for achievement in all areas, with special emphasis on written communication, reading comprehension and math, and
4. Recognition of the need for assistive technology resources and services for identified students with disabilities.

The district policy will be reviewed periodically and appropriate modifications will be adopted and implemented. The district's Annual Technology Report will be submitted to the New Mexico Public Education Department and shared with the Ruidoso community, explaining the evaluation results and recommendations.

The Ruidoso Municipal School District has six goals for the 2009-2012 Technology Plan:

Goal 1: Apply student technology competency standards and monitor/ document individual student achievement.

Goal 2: Continue to support enhanced technology competency strategies for all licensed instructional staff and align with professional development plans.

Goal 3: Maintain and upgrade technology infrastructure to support student

achievement and staff professional development.

Goal 4: Increase accessibility to information for students and staff through the use of diverse and advanced technologies.

Goal 5: Refine and enhance the technology infrastructure plan to support student achievement and staff development at the new Ruidoso Middle School facility and from this process, establish and document the technology infrastructure model for future facilities.

Goal 6: Research, develop and implement online computer mediated instructional delivery strategies including classroom management and collaboration software, electronic delivery of instructional materials, and classroom communication tools.

The RMSD Tech plan will be funded through regularly scheduled GOB elections.