

Spotlight On Integration of Technology for District 90 Learners

District 90 students have access to technology from pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. Technology use continues to expand in the District, as well as its impact on the skills and knowledge of our students.

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) describes technology use in these key areas:

Creativity and Innovation
Communication and Collaboration
Research and Information Fluency
Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Decision Making

Technology in the hands of our students has moved far beyond the skill of learning to use it. Our students are not just consumers of technology, they are also creators using the tools of technology.

Support for teachers and students has been developed through robust technology tools and targeted professional development. Teachers have the additional assistance of a Technology Integration Specialist at each of the three schools. These highly skilled specialists provide information, ideas, and technical support to our teachers on a daily basis.

Encompassed in our mission is the assurance that student safety is a priority every day. District 90 is closely involved with ongoing efforts to reduce cyber-bullying and teach our children about safe online behaviors. All three schools provide important instruction to students in these areas. The middle school offers rigorous age-appropriate work around cyber safety, as many children at that age begin to use more social media.

Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, all Roosevelt students will have a 1:1 technology learning environment, as the use of iPads expands to 5th grade. Students in the elementary schools have access to computer carts, iPad carts and SMART Board technology at all grade levels.

For a more complete list of what students are doing with these tools, you may view the Roosevelt Middle School technology update provided at the March 4, 2014, Committee of the Whole meeting, view the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Spotlight [here](#), and click [here](#) for examples of technology in use at Lincoln and Willard Schools.

