



Flex Academy Technology Plan
2016-2018

Technology Plan Cover Sheet
2016-2018 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018)

Organization Information

District/Agency/School (legal name): Flex Academy

District Number: 4235

Technology Plan Status

The District/Agency/School has an approved 2013-15 technology plan:

Yes No

2016-2018 Technology Plan Date of Creation: October 2015

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2016-18 Technology Plan Template

Instructions: Add your responses by typing into the document below.

Technology Needs Assessment. Describe the processes(s) used to determine the technology needs for the LEA for 2016-2018 and briefly summarize the needs that have been determined. Make sure to include any technology needs that will be supported through E-rate discounts, such as telephone, telecommunications access, Internet, and other E-rate eligible services:

As the 2015-2016 school year is the first operational year for Flex Academy, our needs are very limited since all equipment is brand new and in its first year of use. However, we evaluated our current services through end user surveys and determined that our needs would be limited to an E-fax system, a high speed up and download fiber internet connection and VOIP telephone services.

Goals and Strategies. List the specific goals and strategies for 2016-2015 that address how your LEA will use technology to deliver education and assist with school administration:

We have online curriculum that enhances the in class lessons on a daily basis. This students use online resources to reinforce research and compliment information gained in class.

1. Curriculum, Instruction and Achievement: The goal of the curriculum is to have meaningful connection to state standards challenging students to expand their knowledge of appropriate topics. We align our curriculum to challenging State standards for using telecommunication and technology to improve the product for our students.
 - All students will at the end of 6th grade be able to demonstrate advanced word processing skills, such as editing, formatting, revising text and storing information.
 - All students at the end of 7th grade will be able to demonstrate proficiency in using multi-media to display information; using various forms of technology to gather, process and share information.
 - Each student will be provided the opportunity with consistent and quality access to technology and this will be integrated into their daily lives. This will prepare learnings for the next level of living and working in today's workforce. Useful technology will develop critical and creative thinkers to be productive and adaptable citizens of the future.
2. Budget and Finance: School leadership will prioritize needs and acknowledge needed improvements for online curricular requirements. School leadership will keep technology updated to advance learners into the future global society.
3. Human Resources/Operations/Technology: Flex Academy will utilize cutting edge technology to deliver first rate online curriculum to our students. Flex leadership will create and maintain a hiring process that accentuates the technology component of our school community. This may include a technology test to assess ability with today's requirements.

Professional Development Plan. Describe the professional development strategies you have in place for 2016-2018 to ensure LEA staff are prepared to use the technology infrastructure, software programs, and online resources provided:

Flex Academy utilizes several different platforms for delivery of instructional information. The technology required to deliver are efficient and adaptive for the needs of the staff. Training will be provided prior to the student attendance days and during early outs or staff development periods built into the school calendar. These needs will be determined through various surveying and conversations.

Evaluation. Explain the evaluation process for your technology plan for 2016-2018, including timeline, roles and responsibilities, and information gathered to assess how the technology plan goals and strategies are being met:

Flex Academy will survey all stakeholders for feedback minimally on an annual basis (parents, students, staff).

IT department will provide needed statistics of usage and network access identifying weak points in the delivery of curriculum.

Link to Current Technology Plan. Provide the link on the LEA website where the technology plan will be posted and updated throughout the planning period: <http://mnflexr.k12.com/parent-links.html>

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

This LEA has an Internet Safety/Acceptable Use Policy in place.

Yes No

If yes, please provide a link to access the policy at the LEA website: <http://mnflexr.k12.com/flex-academy-school-wide-policies.html>

This school district deploys an Internet filter to protect minors from material that is pornographic or otherwise harmful to them.

Yes No

Submit the cover sheet and template in PDF or Word (not a scan) by e-mail to: mde.schooltechplan@state.mn.us.