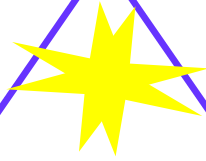


Work your way up the Technology Pyramid



Instructional Technology Integration Grant

Get **\$1500** for classroom tech tools !
First: Complete Level II,
Complete Study Group hours.
Complete the Application & Lesson Plan at
www.lisd.net/technology/tli/ITIG/ITIGInfo.html

Recycled Computers for Your Classroom?

First: Pass Level II, Complete study group hours. Be ready to provide your own table. Then complete the application at
www.lisd.net/technology/tli/Apps/appsforms.htm

Pass Level 2– Get a projector for your room.

First: Pass Level I and complete Study Group hours.
Tests & Tutorials are at www.lisd.net/technology/tli/index.htm

Pass Level 1– Get a Laptop

Tests & Tutorials are at www.lisd.net/technology/tli/index.htm
Helpful hints are at www.lisd.net/technology/tli/I/reference.html

LISD Teacher Laptop Initiative

In the spring of the 2001-2002 school year, the LISD Technology Department undertook an initiative to help all LISD teachers become competent computer users. This initiative consists of two levels of competency skills. For teachers who demonstrate solid competency skills, the district provides laptops which may be used both at school and at home. Some of the other productivity tools offered by the district include projectors, digital cameras, interactive white boards, response pad systems, and document cameras.

The reason for this initiative is to provide our professional staff with the knowledge and skills that are now expected by the State Board of Educator Certification.



Competency FAQs

- 1. Who needs to pass the competency test? How long do I have to meet the competencies?** Our goal is for all teachers, administrators, and professional staff to meet the Level I and Level II competencies in order to meet SBEC standards. The technology competency initiative is an ongoing project.
- 2. Where can I learn what I need for passing the competency tests?** The LISD Technology Department will continue to offer staff development classes in addition to campus visits from teacher technologists. We will also help support the development of campus based technology teams and study groups to foster technology communities of practice.
- 3. Who is administering the competency tests?** The competency tests and grading rubrics are online so that teachers can take the tests at their convenience. There are 4 tests for both Level I and Level II that should be taken individually. Completed tests will be reviewed by the Teacher Technologists and other professional Technology Department staff.
 - a. Level 1 Tests** include **Word Processing** (Word), **Multimedia** (PowerPoint), **Internet and Email**, and **Operating Systems** (File Management and Troubleshooting).
 - b. Level 2 Tests** include **Spreadsheet** (Excel), **Database** (Access), **Inspiration**, and **Pedagogy**.
- 4. Can I take a test more than once?**
A person may take a test as many times as necessary.
- 5. How long will each test take?**
The tests are not timed, and they do not need to be completed in one sitting.

Laptop FAQs

- 1. Who is eligible for the laptops?** Teachers and other campus-based professional staff (e.g. librarians and special ed teachers) are eligible for the laptops.
- 2. What is the relationship between the competencies and the laptops?** Teachers who pass the Level I competencies are eligible to apply for the laptops, but they will not necessarily receive a laptop immediately.
- 3. What do I need to do to get a laptop?** After a teacher has passed the Level I competency tests, he or she may fill out an application that will be reviewed by the Technology department. There will be approximately 5 questions in the application, with each question having a point value that will be written on the form. In the application, the teacher will be asked to articulate how their students have used technology. The application process also requires a commitment on the teacher's part to participate in a campus-based technology study group.
- 4. Who will read the laptop applications?** The laptop applications will be scored by a committee from the LISD Technology department.

Please visit <http://www.lisd.net/technology/tli/index.htm> for more information.