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Technology Integration: Learner

Educator improves their practice by learning from and with others through the exploration of best practices that leverage technology to improve student learning.

Key Method

The educators demonstrate professional growth through goal setting, applying research-based pedagogical approaches into lessons, and participating in learning networks. They reflect on the effectiveness of technology use and continually adjust their learning to meet the needs of their students.

Method Components

Setting Professional Goals

Educators reflect on their current use of technology in the classroom and set related professional goals. They may consider the SAMR model (Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, and Redefinition) as they reflect on technology integration in their classroom. You may use the following process to guide you in setting professional goals:

- Understand what various levels of technology integration look like
- Using the SAMR framework, assess your current level of technology integration
- Set a SMART goal for technology integration in your practice
- Monitor the effectiveness and the progress toward meeting your goal
- Reflect on student use and the effectiveness of technology in your classroom
- Adjust or create new goals

Developing Pedagogical Understanding

Educators develop and improve their practice though pedagogical understandings. Some of the things you can do to gain deeper understanding of technology integration are:

- Research a variety of tools, approaches, and methods of technology integration
- Select tools or approaches to try out in your classroom
- Plan for use and monitoring effectiveness
- Consider and reflect on the following big ideas:
  - What is the difference between integration and use?
  - How can you manage and organize your learning environment to make technology integration ubiquitous?
  - How are students using technology to support learning?

Expanding your Professional Network
To improve their practice, educators seek out local and global networks that are relevant to their interests, needs, and/or content area. The following strategies will help you expand your professional learning networks beyond the walls of your school/district:

- Seek out and actively participate in online professional groups (NEA edCommunities has many professional groups)
- Read blogs and explore the resources that are discussed
- Explore websites that collect and share resources
- Critically evaluate online professional resources and consider how the ideas may enhance your classroom
- Use forums to ask other teachers how they are using technology

**Tools for Integration**

To develop and hone their skills, educators explore and practice using a variety of digital tools. Below are some tips for guiding your exploration and practice:

- Choose tools that support your professional goals
- Consider your grade level, content, district requirements and availability/accessibility of devices and digital tools
- Select 3–5 tools from the resources below or from other sources
- Create opportunities within the constructs of your teaching to practice using the tools
- Use these tools with your students and ask them for feedback
- Don't be afraid to try new tools and get out of your comfort zone

**Supporting Research**


[https://doi.org/10.1787/1e912a10-en](https://doi.org/10.1787/1e912a10-en)


[https://doi.org/10.17226/9853](https://doi.org/10.17226/9853)


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Resources

Standards

ISTE Standards for Educators

https://www.iste.org/standards/for-educators

ISTE Standards for Students

https://www.iste.org/standards/for-students

Articles

Framework: ISTE Standards, a Roadmap


Aspiring School Administrators’ Perceived Ability to Meet Technology Standards and Technological Needs for Professional Development

https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/15391523.2016.1215168

What is Successful Technology Integration?

https://www.edutopia.org/technology-integration-guide-description

Technology Integration and Blended Learning

https://www.digitallearning.org/technology-integration-and-blended-learning

Goal Setting as Teacher Development Practice


Goal Setting for Teachers

https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/goal-setting-for-teachers/

Setting SMART goals

https://www.smartsheet.com/blog/essential-guide-writing-smart-goals

What is Tech Integration?


What is Successful Tech Integration?

https://www.edutopia.org/technology-integration-guide-description

Resources for Technology Integration

https://www.edutopia.org/technology-integration-guide-resources

8 Examples of Transforming Lessons Through the SAMR Model

https://www.emergingedtech.com/2015/04/examples-of-transforming-lessons-through-samr/

Integration vs. Use of Technology in Education

https://www.teachthought.com/technology/difference-technology-use-technology-integration/

How SAMR and Technology Can Transform Assessment

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Video
Reimagining Classrooms: Teachers as Learners and Students as Leaders | Kayla Delzer

https://www.youtube.com/watchtime_continue=1&v=w6vVXmwYvgs

Gwynn’s Technology Integration Playlist

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgLNRKQR3AI&list=PLJHRhVsWVgYxkPWJ6-514Fdf3_K1DFFJ7

Teaching Resources

Common Sense Media-Digital Citizenship

https://www.commonsense.org/education/digital-citizenship

Kathy Schrock’s Guide to Everything

http://www.schrockguide.net/

Google for Education Teaching Center

https://edu.google.com/teacher-center

FreeTech4Teachers

https://www.freetech4teachers.com/

Tool Comparison Matrix

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aGM_rkms3T6lks2Cv3MEwulton7TMF-4yC477cwHWuU/edit?usp=sharing

Tools to Try
This is a partial list to get you thinking about your professional growth. You do not need to explore all of these, but they may serve as a starting point.

GSuite Learning Center (Docs, Classroom, Sites, Sheets, Earth...)

https://gsuite.google.com/learning-center/products/docs/get-started/#1/

Padlet
https://padlet.com/

Buncee

https://app.edu.buncee.com/

Classflow

www.classflow.com

Nearpod

www.nearpod.com

Peardeck

www.peardeck.com

Freckle Education

www.freckle.com

YouTube for Educators
Reflect on your current use of technology. You may use the SAMR model as a guide. Set a goal that identifies your beginning level of technology use and how you created a professional goal that is specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and timebound (SMART)
**Artifact 2: Tools Comparison Matrix**
Complete the Tool Comparison Matrix (found in the Resources section above) for 3 tools that you have integrated into your instruction.

**Artifact 3: Examples of Networking**
Turn in two screenshots showing how you have collaborated with and/or learned from a discussion in an online learning group. (You may want to join the NEA EdCommunities groups for this artifact). Combine these two screenshots and your explanation of learning in one document to submit.

Include:
- The forum’s name
- Group topic
- Entire thread that you participated in
- An explanation of how participating in a learning network supported your professional growth. (150–200 words)
- Black out any names and/or use an anonymous screen name to participate

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Reflection

400 - 500 words

Please answer the following reflective questions. Please do not include any information that will make you identifiable to your reviewers.

1. Describe how you decided on your initial SAMR level and how you used this information to set your professional goal.
2. Which tool or tools did you focus on for this micro-credential? Explain how you learned about using them and how you changed your lesson to utilize the technology. Be sure to explain what SAMR level you think the use was.
3. What was the overall impact on your students when you used one digital tool? Include information on what aspect of student learning you were focusing on as you integrated this tool into your lesson: engagement, checking for understanding, creativity, student choice, etc.

**Passing:** All questions are answered. Reflection provides evidence that this activity has had a positive impact on both educator practice and student success. Specific examples are cited directly from personal or work-related experiences to support claims.

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