

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

Organization Information

District/Agency/School (legal name): Browerville Public School

District Number: 787

Technology Plan Status

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

X Yes No

2016-2018 Technology Plan Date of Creation: March 2015

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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:

Browerville Public Schools is a district that tries to keep up with the ever changing technology advancements. Processes that we use to determine what technology is needed for the district are as follows:

Several meetings of the Browerville Technology group are held over the course of the year. The committee consists of administration, faculty members, and the technology coordinator. Meetings gauge what technology is used, if it works well, and what new technology would benefit the district.

Regional meetings of technology coordinators and administration are held to learn what surrounding districts are using for technology and to find out what is working well in order to use the technology budget to its best capacity.

Year end surveys may be given to the entire staff or randomly to gauge various technology needs and assessments.

Inquiries of students and staff on a monthly and even sometimes on a daily basis will be administered by the technology coordinator to prioritize future technology purchases.

Browerville Public Schools receives E-rate discounts on telephone and internet 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:

Some of the technology goals of Browerville Public School are:

Have a technology environment that will allow students to have the best education possible.

Have a technology environment that allows administration and staff to have provide the best education possible.

Have technology help maintain and improve student scores on any standardize assessments and district level curricular areas of study.

Have students be able to take online high school and college courses with positive results.

Some of the strategies to obtain these goals that may be implemented by Browerville Public School are as follows:

Purchase latest Smart display device to experiment with Smartboard software that allows for multiple touch and requires no projector.

Increase technology devices in the Music Department.

Update or replace existing desktops and mobile labs as needed.

Upgrade or replace any existing Smartboards and projectors as needed.

Increase the utilization of existing Learnpads and corresponding apps.

Continue to increase bandwidth with the help of the Freshwater Education District.

Expand or update network infrastructure by adding or upgrading any server, switches, access points, and wiring as needed.

Expand opportunities for online high school and college courses.

Implement Google Apps for Education increasing communication between teachers and students and expanding the use of more Cloud based tools.

Implement robotic and digital art courses in grades K-12 with the help of NJPA.

Implement a technological 1 to 1 environment in grades 9-12 with Chromebooks or possibly some other mobile device.

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:

Organizations such as the Freshwater Education District, Resource Training and Solutions, Tierney Brothers, NJPA, and Educational Resources will be used in order for staff and students to use any new and existing technology to its fullest capability. Classes and training will be offered to staff on occasion in the areas of Google Docs, Learnpad, Robotics, Smart software or any other area that the district deems needed.

In-service days provide time for training individually or with groups on field related technological areas. Time can be utilized with peers, the technology coordinator or outside vendors.

Staff are encouraged to attend off campus workshops and training sessions in order to pass the knowledge onto peers and students.

Individual or small group training is also available from the local technology coordinator.

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:

Quarterly, the technology committee will meet and discuss any feedback that is given to any committee members from students, staff and administration. The committee members will take any positive or negative feedback into consideration and after extensive discussion, decisions will be made to benefit the districts technology environment. Annually, any surveys will also be reviewed and discussed. Also, committee members will review how goals and objectives are

being met to see if changes need to be made. New trends will be discussed to see if they should be implemented to benefit the Browerville Public School district technology plan.

Optional Links. Provide links to district strategic planning documents, survey instruments, policies, or other resources that were used to provide data and help prepare the technology plan:

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:

Link to Browerville Technology Plan 2013-2015

http://www.browerville.k12.mn.us/uploads/3/1/5/5/31559017/browerville_2013-15_technology_plan.pdf

Link to Browerville Technology Plan 2016-2018

http://www.browerville.k12.mn.us/uploads/3/1/5/5/31559017/browerville_technology_plan_2016-2018.pdf

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

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

X Yes No

If yes, please provide a link to access the policy at the LEA website:

http://www.browerville.k12.mn.us/uploads/3/1/5/5/31559017/internet_acceptable_use_policy.pdf

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

X Yes No