

Instructional Technology Plan - 2026-2029 Instructional Technology Plan

I. District LEA Information

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1. **What is the name of the district administrator responsible for entering the Instructional Technology Plan data?**

Katie Harmon

2. **What is the title of the district administrator responsible for entering the Instructional Technology Plan data?**

Director of Technology

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II. Strategic Technology Planning

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1. What is the overall district mission?

Westhill Central School District prepares students for an ever changing global society by empowering, engaging and elevating ALL learners in a community that celebrates the values of diversity, respect, inclusion, and belonging.

2. What is the vision statement that guides instructional technology use in the district?

Instructional technology in the district supports the district's mission by:

- Providing equitable access to all students and staff
- Leveraging tools and devices that push pedagogical transformation such as facilitate inquiry
- Empowering students with tools and hardware to be creative innovators, global citizens, critical thinkers, and collaborators
- Supporting the learning environment with robust infrastructure and classroom hardware that is agile and flexible to meet the needs of all students

3. At the start of the 2026-27 school year, will the district provide a dedicated mobile device for every student in all grades?

No

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Dedicated Device Chart

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Dedicated Device Chart

1. Choose one device access option per grade level based on the district plan for supplying students with a dedicated mobile device at the start of the 2026-27 school year.

	Device Access
K	Students will use shared district devices as needed (ex. classroom cart)
1	Students will use shared district devices as needed (ex. classroom cart)
2	Students will use shared district devices as needed (ex. classroom cart)
3	Provide all students with a district-owned dedicated device
4	Provide all students with a district-owned dedicated device
5	Provide all students with a district-owned dedicated device
6	Provide all students with a district-owned dedicated device
UGE	No students enrolled in grade level
7	Provide all students with a district-owned dedicated device
8	Provide all students with a district-owned dedicated device
9	Provide all students with a district-owned dedicated device
10	Provide all students with a district-owned dedicated device
11	Provide all students with a district-owned dedicated device
12	Provide all students with a district-owned dedicated device
UGS	No students enrolled in grade level

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III. Goal Attainment

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1. Digital Content – The District uses standards-based, accessible digital content that supports all curricula for all learners.
The district has met this goal:
Significantly
2. Digital Use – The District's learners, teachers, and administrators are proficient in the use of technology for learning.
The district has met this goal:
Significantly
3. Digital Capacity and Access – The District's technology infrastructure supports learning and teaching in all of the District's environments.
The district has met this goal:
Fully
4. Leadership – The District Instructional Technology Plan is in alignment with the Statewide Learning Technology Plan vision.
The district has met this goal:
Fully
5. Accountability – District-level information is posted on the District website, is easy to access, and is easily understood. Information provided includes the results achieved by the District in their efforts to enable students to build knowledge, master skills, and grasp opportunities for a better life.
The district has met this goal:
Fully

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IV. Action Plan - Goal 1

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1. In 1 – 2 sentences provide an instructional technology goal for your district.

The district will provide all instructional staff professional development grounded in using technology to support innovative and collaborative pedagogy.

2. Choose the topic that best aligns to your instructional technology goal.

Professional Development

3. Target Student Population(s). Check all that apply.

- All students
- Early Learning (Pre-K -3)
- Elementary/intermediate
- Middle School
- High School
- Students with Disabilities
- English Language Learners
- Students who are migratory or seasonal farmworkers, or children of such workers
- Students experiencing homelessness and/or housing insecurity
- Economically disadvantaged students
- Students between the ages of 18-21
- Students who are targeted for dropout prevention or credit recovery programs
- Students who do not have adequate access to computing devices and/or high-speed internet at their places of residence
- Students who do not have internet access at their place of residence
- Students in foster care
- Students in juvenile justice system settings
- Vulnerable populations/vulnerable students
- Other (please identify in Question 3a, below)

4. Additional Target Population(s). Check all that apply.

- Teachers/Teacher Aides
- Administrators
- Parents/Guardians/Families/School Community
- Technology Integration Specialists
- Other

5. Estimated cost of this goal/priority over the three-year plan? Round to the nearest thousand if exact figures are not yet known.

24,000.00

6. What is the potential funding source(s) and/or purchasing mechanism(s) for this expenditure over all three years of the plan? Can check multiple options.

- BOCES Co-Ser purchase
- Capital Project
- District Public Bond
- District Operating Budget
- E-Rate
- Grants
- Instructional Aid Materials
- Instructional Resources Aid
- Smart Schools Bond Act
- Technology Reserve Fund
- Title Funds
- Other

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IV. Action Plan - Goal 1

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7. **Optional: If you would like to add an action plan for this goal list the action steps below.**

	Action Step	Action Step - Description
Action Step 1	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 2	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 3	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 4	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 5	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 6	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 7	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 8	(No Response)	(No Response)

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IV. Action Plan - Goal 2

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1. In 1 – 2 sentences provide a second instructional technology goal for your district.

The district will provide a suite of Ed Law 2d compliant software tools to ensure all students have equitable access to inquiry-based learning environments, resulting in the integration of student-led projects and collaborative digital artifacts across all K-12 grade levels.

2. Choose the topic that best aligns to your instructional technology goal.

Instructional and/or Administrative Software

3. Target Student Population(s). Check all that apply.

- All students
- Early Learning (Pre-K -3)
- Elementary/intermediate
- Middle School
- High School
- Students with Disabilities
- English Language Learners
- Students who are migratory or seasonal farmworkers, or children of such workers
- Students experiencing homelessness and/or housing insecurity
- Economically disadvantaged students
- Students between the ages of 18-21
- Students who are targeted for dropout prevention or credit recovery programs
- Students who do not have adequate access to computing devices and/or high-speed internet at their places of residence
- Students who do not have internet access at their place of residence
- Students in foster care
- Students in juvenile justice system settings
- Vulnerable populations/vulnerable students
- Other (please identify in Question 3a, below)

4. Additional Target Population(s). Check all that apply.

- Teachers/Teacher Aides
- Administrators
- Parents/Guardians/Families/School Community
- Technology Integration Specialists
- Other

5. Estimated cost of this goal/priority over the three-year plan? Round to the nearest thousand if exact figures are not yet known.

180,000.00

6. What is the potential funding source(s) and/or purchasing mechanism(s) for this expenditure over all three years of the plan? Can check multiple options.

- BOCES Co-Ser purchase
- Capital Project
- District Public Bond
- District Operating Budget
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- Grants
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- Other

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IV. Action Plan - Goal 3

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1. In 1-2 sentences provide a third instructional technology goal for your district.

The district will maintain robust and agile classrooms, including wireless projection and mobile teacher workstations, to untether instruction and facilitate flexible, student-centered learning across all instructional spaces.

2. Choose the topic that best aligns to your instructional technology goal.

Classroom Technology (ex. interactive boards, 3D printers, robotics, etc.)

3. Target Student Population(s). Check all that apply.

- All students
- Early Learning (Pre-K -3)
- Elementary/intermediate
- Middle School
- High School
- Students with Disabilities
- English Language Learners
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- Students in foster care
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- Vulnerable populations/vulnerable students
- Other (please identify in Question 3a, below)

4. Additional Target Population(s). Check all that apply.

- Teachers/Teacher Aides
- Administrators
- Parents/Guardians/Families/School Community
- Technology Integration Specialists
- Other

5. Estimated cost of this goal/priority over the three-year plan? Round to the nearest thousand if exact figures are not yet known.

500,000.00

6. What is the potential funding source(s) and/or purchasing mechanism(s) for this expenditure over all three years of the plan? Can check multiple options.

- BOCES Co-Ser purchase
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IV. Action Plan - Goal 3

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Action Step 1	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 2	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 3	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 4	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 5	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 6	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 7	(No Response)	(No Response)
Action Step 8	(No Response)	(No Response)

8. Would you like to list a fourth goal?

No

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V. NYSED Initiatives Alignment

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1. How will the district's use of instructional technology support a comprehensive and sustained effort to improve student performance and academic standards, while also addressing the need to provide equitable learning opportunities "everywhere, all the time" (National Technology Plan)?

1. Improving Student Performance through Facilitative Pedagogy (Goal 1 & 2)

The district recognizes that to improve performance in a digital age, instruction must shift from passive consumption to active inquiry.

- **Sustained Effort:** By grounding professional development in research-based, facilitative teaching methods, we empower educators to act as guides in the learning process. This sustained effort allows for immediate, data-driven feedback, which is essential for identifying and addressing student misconceptions in real-time.
- **Academic Standards:** Our vetted software portfolio is aligned with New York State learning standards. Students utilize these digital tools to create authentic artifacts that demonstrate mastery of core subject matter, transforming them into the creative innovators and critical thinkers defined in our Portrait of a Graduate.

2. Equitable Learning "Everywhere, All the Time" (Goal 3)

Westhill addresses the call for universal access by removing barriers related to time, location, and ability.

- **Instructional Agility:** Our robust infrastructure, supported by significant investment in instructional networking and technical services, provides a seamless backbone for learning. The implementation of mobile teacher workstations and wireless display capabilities allows for a fluid classroom environment where instruction is responsive and can be delivered at the point of need.
- **Digital Equity:** The district's commitment to providing individual devices and flexible take-home policies ensures that the "homework gap" is minimized. Furthermore, the targeted use of specialized hardware and adaptive software ensures that inclusive excellence is a reality. By providing these tools across all environments, we ensure that students with unique communication or learning needs are valued, participating members of the school community.

3. Sustaining the Effort

The district ensures this improvement is sustained through a disciplined hardware replacement cycle and a strategic funding model that utilizes both state-aided services and local resources. This financial strategy allows us to maintain a "future-ready" environment that can adapt to emerging technological trends while remaining anchored in rigorous data safety and privacy compliance.

Through this comprehensive approach, Westhill graduates are not merely technologically literate; they are empowered learners capable of navigating and contributing to an ever-changing global society.

2. **At the start of the 2026-27 school year, will the district offer full-time virtual instruction to any students? (Select all that apply)**

- Yes. Our district operates a full-time virtual instruction program.
- Yes. One or more of our students will attend a program operated by a BOCES or another public school district.
- None of our students will participate in a full-time virtual instruction program.

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V. NYSED Initiatives Alignment

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Other

3. If the district files or has filed a Smart Schools Investment Plan (SSIP) to apply for Smart Schools Bond Act funds, all responses in this survey align with the district's response to any related question(s) in the SSIP.

The district does not have an active SSIP.

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VI. Administrative Management Plan

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1. Staff Plan

Provide the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) count, as of plan submission date, of all staff whose primary responsibility is delivering technology integration training and support and/or technical support.

	District Employed Staff (FTE)	Staff Contracted Through Vendor or BOCES (FTE)
District Technology Leadership	1.00	0.00
Instructional Support	0.00	0.20
Technical Support	4.50	0.00
Totals:	5.50	0.20

2. Has the school district provided for the loan of instructional computer hardware to students legally attending nonpublic schools pursuant to Education Law, section 754?

Not Applicable

3. Districts are required to post an Instructional Technology Plan on their website. Please provide the URL link as evidence of this requirement.

<https://www.westhillschools.org/teacherpage.cfm?teacher=1358>

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VII. Established Educational Technology Programs

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VII. Established EdTech Programs

1. Please choose one or more topics that reflect an innovative educational technology program that has been implemented with and for students for at least two years at a building or district level. Use "Other" to share a topic that is not on the list.

<input type="checkbox"/> Active Learning Spaces/Makerspaces	<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Equity Initiatives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Education Instruction and Learning with Technology
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced Computer Science or Technology Courses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engaging School Community through Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> STEAM/STEM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artificial Intelligence (AI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Flexible Learning Spaces	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Technology Support/Helpdesk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistive Technology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Instruction and Learning with Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual/Online Learning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended and/or Flipped Classrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> Media Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Topic A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadcasting or Podcasting	<input type="checkbox"/> OER and Digital Content	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Topic B
<input type="checkbox"/> Culturally Responsive Instruction with Technology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personalized Learning	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Topic C
<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Citizenship		

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