

Muscogee County Board of Education

Board Technology Plan

Overview

It is the belief of the Muscogee County Board of Education that the effective use of technology at the governance level will improve the flow and use of information in the decision-making process. The governing team views technology as an important tool for accessing, interpreting and communicating the tremendous volume of information and data needed to make better and more informed decisions. It is the intent of the Muscogee County Board of Education to use technology as a tool to better focus on student achievement, local education policy, fiscal matters and a host of other complex issues and items that are vital to a district's success.

Goals

The use of technology at the board level can have a substantial and lasting impact on improving the governance structure of the school district. Both short and long term goals include:

Short Term

1. Improve the decision-making process of the local district's leadership team by making information and data more readily available in a timely and accurate basis, thus infusing data into the decision-making process.
2. Increase the focus at board meetings on the district's long and short-term goals.
3. Increase accountability and transparency with the community.
4. Demonstrate effective use of technology at the board and district leadership level and model life-long learning.
5. Improve communications between the Board, the Superintendent, teachers, staff and the community.
6. Improve administrative efficiency in preparation and distribution of information to the board and from the board.

Long Term

1. Improve student achievement through the increased use of data.
2. Improve the Board's strategic decision making and planning through the increased use of technology and data.
3. Increase communications options and accessibility for input from community, community leaders and staff.
4. Improve administrative management of Board operations in key areas such as policy management, meeting management and scheduling, public records management, and media notification and management.

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Implementation

Step One – Create the infrastructure to foster productive and effective use of technology at the governance level.

- Leadership team commits to work towards integration of technology at the board level.
- Review district goals and processes for continuous improvement, review leadership team roles and responsibilities, and explore possibilities and implications of integrating and utilizing technology at governance level.
- Address needs of the board in accessing and using mobile and board room technology equipment and the Internet. Review the current resources provided and determine what gaps exists.
- Identify any training needs that may exist for board members in order to effectively participate in an electronic governance model.
- Incorporate Board technology plan into the district-wide technology framework, which is currently undergoing revision.
- Post the board technology plan on the current web page.

Step Two – Integrate online tools and electronic communications into board operations.

- Use the *BoardDocs* eGovernance system for management of board agenda, minutes, and other related documents for conducting all Board meetings.
- Publish board meeting agenda packets, utilizing BoardDoc's service, online for access by board members, students, faculty and community.
- Publish all Board appointed district-wide committee work including membership roster, minutes, and public documents on the district web site.
- Publish district board policies, utilizing *BoardDocs*, online for access by board members, students, faculty and community.
- Provide a community forum section and survey option on their web page to solicit feedback on key issues of interest to the community.

Timeline

It is the intent of the Muscogee County Board of Education to complete all the goals in Step One by January 1, 2010. The Board will achieve full implementation of this board technology plan no later than June 30, 2012.