

Technology Plan Core Values

District Vision/Goals

- *Create a positive learning environment for all District 97 students that is equitable, inclusive and focused on the whole child.*

Technology Advisory Key Focus Areas

- *Positive, adaptive and innovative learning environments that support the 4C's (Communication, Collaboration, Creativity & Critical Thinking) (Including all learning environments, as we know students and staff have meaningful learning experiences in other spaces, in addition to the classroom)*
- *Creating an environment and tools for personalizing learning for all students*

Student & Staff Focus Group Key Takeaways

- Environment
 - Teachers/staff relate and connect to students
 - Learning made fun
 - Teachers/staff that demonstrate they enjoy what they do
 - Space where teachers and students are equally engaging and communicating
 - Ability to be rewarded and receive incentives
 - Teachers/staff encourage students
 - Ability to take risks (staff and students)
 - Teachers/staff jointly work to fully understand expectations of learning objectives
 - Place that ensures students have basic needs available - breakfast and water (in close proximity so they don't miss much class to fill up bottles)
- Physical Environment
 - Adaptive/flexible (tables, comfortable furniture)
 - Kids ability to move around
 - Collaborative spaces (in class and around the school)
 - Classroom libraries
 - Organizational spaces (online and physical)
 - More whiteboard space (walls and/or desks)
- Learning Experiences
 - Hands-on and interactive
 - Student choice for process and product**
 - Ability to create/build with physical tools or digital tools and observing that process
 - Problem solving
 - Ability to present and teach peers their learning -
 - Student Voice - students have seat at the table
 - More opportunities for coding
 - Virtual Field Trips
 - Blended learning opportunities
 - Real world applications/structures (i.e. create a business)
 - Design process
 - Engaging in the love for reading and research process
 - Student and teacher Professional Learning opportunities *** - Tips and tricks
- Learning Resources
 - External partnerships to provide student access and resources to experts

- Tools that work and support all aspects of learning (coding, typing, research, creation, collaboration, communication)
- Technology tools that provide access to crucial resources