

Instructional Technology Plan - 2026-2029 Instructional Technology Plan**I. District LEA Information**

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I. District LEA Information

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

Amy Steger

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

Other

- 2B. **If 'Other' was selected in Question 2 above, please identify the title.**

Director of Curriculum & Instruction

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Instructional Technology Plan - 2026-2029 Instructional Technology Plan**II. Strategic Technology Planning**

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II. Strategic Technology Planning**1. What is the overall district mission?**

To prepare all students to excel in a dynamic world through the development of their abilities to reason, solve problems, apply knowledge, communicate and collaborate effectively.

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

The mission of the Amherst District Technology Committee is to develop and manage a sustainable technology plan that enhances teaching and learning and ensures student safety. The vision of the Amherst Central School District Technology Plan is to improve and enhance learning for all stakeholders within the educational community through the use of technology, consistent with the Strategic Action Plan.

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

Yes

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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:
Fully
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:
Significantly

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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.

Provide all faculty and staff sustained, relevant and rigorous professional development for the effective integration of technology in order to bolster instruction for the purpose of preparing students to have success in their post-secondary goals and become model digital citizens.

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

Professional Development

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

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

15,000.00

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.***

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

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

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Action Step 1	(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.

Strategically and equitably integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools and concepts into the K-12 learning environment, ensuring students and staff possess the developmentally appropriate digital literacy, critical evaluation, and ethical skills required to navigate and utilize emerging technologies.

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.

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| ☒ All students | ☐ Economically disadvantaged students |
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| ☐ High School | ☐ Students who do not have internet access at their place of residence |
| ☐ Students with Disabilities | ☐ Students in foster care |
| ☐ English Language Learners | ☐ Students in juvenile justice system settings |
| ☐ Students who are migratory or seasonal farmworkers, or children of such workers | ☐ Vulnerable populations/vulnerable students |
| ☐ Students experiencing homelessness and/or housing insecurity | ☐ 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.

60,000.00

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.*

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| ☒ BOCES Co-Ser purchase | ☐ Instructional Aid Materials |
| ☐ Capital Project | ☐ Instructional Resources Aid |
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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.

Continue to expand on and more effectively integrate classroom technology, digital tools and resources into daily instruction. The purpose of this integration should be to

- foster deep student engagement
- promote active learning
- facilitate robust differentiation
- allow for the delivery of actionable feedback to students that can be quickly applied to their learning

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.

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| ☐ Students experiencing homelessness and/or housing insecurity | ☐ 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.

120,000.00

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.

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| ☒ BOCES Co-Ser purchase | ☐ Instructional Aid Materials |
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| ☐ Grants | ☐ Other |

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

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Action Step 4	(No Response)	(No Response)
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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?

Yes

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IV. Action Plan - Goal 4

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

Assess, develop, and maintain a robust, security-driven network emphasizing resiliency, availability, scalability, and reliability. This includes establishing and rigorously testing Disaster Recovery strategies to ensure business continuity and rapid restoration of critical systems after a disruptive event. Implement comprehensive Governance frameworks, policies, and procedural documentation to maintain compliance, manage risk, and guide sustainable technology investment. Ensure adequate software, endpoint, and device management are in place to facilitate safe technology use for faculty, staff, and students, while providing equitable and reliable access for all students.

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

Cybersecurity

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

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| ☐ Students experiencing homelessness and/or housing insecurity | ☐ 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.

800,000.00

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.*

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| ☒ BOCES Co-Ser purchase | ☐ Instructional Aid Materials |
| ☐ Capital Project | ☐ Instructional Resources Aid |

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| ☐ District Public Bond | ☐ Smart Schools Bond Act |
| ☒ District Operating Budget | ☐ Technology Reserve Fund |
| ☒ E-Rate | ☒ Title Funds |
| ☒ Grants | ☐ Other |

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

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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 fifth goal?

No

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V. NYSED Initiatives Alignment

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)?

Amherst Central School District (ACSD) supports a comprehensive effort to improve student performance while ensuring equitable learning, the district's strategy is outlined below. ACSD operates under a "Learning First, Technology Second" philosophy. This means that technology is never used for its own sake; instead, it is a tool to meet specific educational objectives. All technology purchasing and implementation are strictly aligned with ISTE Technology Standards, NYS Computer Science and Digital Fluency Standards and our Curriculum Scope and Sequences. By requiring every purchase to correlate with these benchmarks, the district ensures a direct link between technology spending and student academic achievement.

Technology facilitates teacher practice through high-quality, sustained professional development. ACSD has participated in BOCES CSLO/Model Schools programs, providing teachers with exposure to innovative instructional strategies. Instructional support is provided on-site by Technology Integration Specialist, Library Media Specialists, and dedicated support staff. The Assistant Superintendent of Staff Development and Curriculum along with the Director of Curriculum evaluates these efforts annually. Effectiveness is measured via staff surveys and session evaluations to ensure that professional development leads to improved classroom practice.

Through our 1:1 Chromebook initiative (K-12), students use digital tools to demonstrate understanding of skills and concepts in ways that align with the ISTE and New York State K-12 Computer Science and Digital Fluency Learning Standards. This allows for diverse methods of assessment; from digital portfolios to collaborative projects; ensuring that students are meeting modern digital fluency requirements alongside core academic standards.

To achieve the goal of "everywhere, all the time" learning, ACSD provides multiple pathways for participation including:

- Every student receives a Chromebook. For those who lack home access, Wireless Wi-Fi Hotspots are provided.
- Recognizing that family financial needs fluctuate, the district allows families to request support at any time without deadlines.
- The district maintains a support system connecting families directly to the technology department through our counselors and family support center, ensuring that technical hurdles do not prevent students from learning.

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.
- ☐ 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.

Yes

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VI. Administrative Management Plan**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	1.00	0.00
Technical Support	6.00	0.00
Totals:	8.00	0.00

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?

Yes

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.amherstschoools.org/departments/technology>

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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.

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

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