

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?**

Oleg Verenich

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

Director of Technology

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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?**

The mission of the Herkimer Central School District is to successfully carry out the educational tenets of our philosophy by providing:

An atmosphere conducive to learning which is at once both challenging and secure.

A variety of curricular opportunities in an organized structured manner.

Information, role models, and opportunities for appropriate decision-making.

A diversified program which offers curricular and extracurricular activities and encourages productive use of leisure time.

An educationally sound system of evaluation and assessment.

To secure this mission of the district is committed to use, support and enhance the professional expertise of all staff.

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

The basic goal of education, to prepare our students for life-long learning and success has not changed. However, the tools and instructional methods used to achieve these goals are constantly evolving. Technology offers students an avenue to succeed as citizens in a global society in which information is growing at an incredible rate. Technology can improve communication, enhance thinking skills, make instruction more efficient and effective, and develop life skills critical to success. It is the vision of Herkimer Central Schools that students be engaged in a stimulating academic environment and a rigorous curriculum that is student-centered and focused on inquiry-based learning.

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:
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.

Provide relevant, timely, and ongoing professional development on best practices in technology integration and data security.

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.

30,000.00

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 |
| ☐ Grants | ☐ Other |

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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)
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Action Step 4	(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.

Students and educators will have access to a robust and reliable infrastructure throughout the district in support of teaching and learning initiatives.

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

Network and Infrastructure

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

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| ☐ 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 |
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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.**

100,000.00

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.

Strengthen the use of instructional technology systems to support a safe and secure learning environment by improving access controls, monitoring, and integration with building-level physical security

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

Other

2B. If you chose Other, please describe.

Physical security - cameras and access

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

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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.

100,000.00

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 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 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

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)?

Instructional technology will support the district's efforts to improve student performance and academic standards by expanding access to high-quality digital learning tools, resources, and learning experiences that align with the district's instructional goals. Through the intentional use of instructional softwares, digital curriculum, and data-informed instructional practices, educators will be better equipped to differentiate instruction, monitor and evaluate student progress, and respond to individual learning needs. The district continues to prioritize technologies that enhance teaching, personalize learning, and strengthen student engagement in meaningful ways.

To ensure equitable learning opportunities “everywhere, all the time,” the district will prioritize reliable access to devices, connectivity, and digital learning environments that extend beyond the classroom. Instructional technology will support flexible learning models, enable access to instructional materials and communication tools, and ensure that all students, regardless of background or circumstances, can participate fully in the learning process. By integrating technology into daily instruction and providing ongoing professional learning for educators, the district will create a sustainable framework that supports continuous improvement in teaching, learning, and student outcomes.

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

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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	0.00	0.00
Instructional Support	0.40	0.00
Technical Support	0.00	0.00
Totals:	0.40	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.herkimercsd.org/departments-services/technology/instructional-technology-plan/>

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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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