

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

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COMPONENT	OBJECTIVES	COMPETENCY
I Basic Operations and Concepts	 Demonstrate an understanding of concepts underlying hardware, software, and connectivity by using: appropriate technology for each subject area; a variety of input devices; output devices appropriately; storage devices appropriately; files from a variety of sources; and a variety of software programs. Apply strategies for identifying and solving routine hardware and software problems that occur during every day use. 	 A. Given a specific assignment, use appropriate technology to complete a task. Use: calculators to solve mathematical equations, or graphics software to present information in a visual format. B. Students will independently perform necessary tasks to install, run, and execute any given software on any device.
II Technology Tools	 Use content specific tools, software, and simulations, such as: a word processing program to perform basic text formatting, implementing user preferred settings; a database program to perform basic sort, search, and reporting techniques; a spreadsheet program to create graphs and manipulate data; and environmental probes and calculators. Design, develop, publish, and present products using technology resources that demonstrate and communicate curriculum concepts to audiences inside and outside the classroom, using the following: a desktop publishing program and/or a variety of applications to integrate and manipulate an illustration. Apply productivity/multimedia tools and peripherals to support learning through the curriculum. Use age appropriate multimedia authoring software that incorporates text, sound, video, transitions, and images to create a nonlinear presentation. Research and evaluate the accuracy, relevance, appropriateness, comprehensiveness, and bias of electronic information sources concerning real-world problems. 	 A. Use appropriate integrated application software to prepare a research document that includes text, illustrations, statistical reports, and charts/graphs, such as: create a database that identifies global problems; create a spreadsheet to illustrate the projected impact of global problems; and create a web page biography of a famous environmentalist. B. Create a word processing document that contains merged data. C. Use appropriate multimedia software to create an interdisciplinary presentation on a specific period in history or other selected topics. D. Compare and contrast headline or feature articles of various online newspapers on a specific day.



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III Technology Communication Tools	 Collaborate with peers, experts, and others using technology tools to investigate curriculum related problems, issues, and information, to develop solutions. Such as: send and receive individual or group email messages; initiate a search on the Internet for a specific topic and cite the location (<i>Internet address</i>); cite a variety of online resources used to locate information; and use a variety of media as an information resources: compact disc/DVD laserdisc video/audio tape Internet Internet 	 A. Use online resources to communicate electronically with keypals. Keypals may include community leaders who will provide information on the impact of immigration to the United States. B. Given a particular topic to investigate, use online and offline resources as a research tool to create a timeline of historical events.
IV Social, Ethical, and Human Issues	 Demonstrate knowledge of current changes in information technologies and the effect those changes have on the workplace and society. Exhibit legal and ethical behaviors when using information technology and explain consequences of misuse. Include: demonstrate a familiarity of all aspects of copyright laws as they pertain to technology; adhere to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' <i>Acceptable Use Policy</i>; and identify appropriate sources of information. Research and evaluate accuracy and bias of electronic information sources concerning real world problems. 	 A. Identify types of information protected by the copyright laws. B. Given a particular topic to investigate, use four appropriate resource reference materials. Develop an organizational framework and generate a written product which draws from and gives credit to a minimum of four sources. C. After reading and discussing Miami-Dade County Public Schools' <i>Acceptable Use Policy</i>, students will exhibit appropriate behavior when participating in telecommunications activities. D. Identify various uses of technology in a related career by having students use interviewing strategies with parents or others in the workplace.