

Technology Planning 2012-2013

Districts with plans expiring June 30, 2013 should submit a new Technology Plan by **February 28, 2013**.

Integrated District/School/Technology Plans – ISBE has been working with the Interactive Report Card site to provide one concise template for school planning. In the past several years, the plans have begun to be both centralized and connected. Last year was a successful year for the beginning phases of this project.

Plan Template Access – please view the video created to give you an idea of how to log into the new integrated plans.

Step 1 – Do I need to have a State approved Technology Plan? Here are your options.

YES – an approved plan is required for the following either/or conditions:

- Priority 2 E rate discounts applied for. This means your district receives or will apply to receive reimbursements for Internal Connections, and Basic Maintenance of your networks.
- Future federal or state grants for technology support will require a state approved plan.

NO – an approved plan is not required for the following either/or conditions:

- Priority 1 level E rate discounts only. Priority 1 level reimbursements are for Telecommunications, Telecommunication Services, or Internet Access, only.
- No federal or state grant funding will be applied for in the future.

NOTE: There is no crystal ball that will provide the answer to whether federal or state grants will become available in the near future. If such monies become available through the grant process, and you do NOT have a state approved technology plan, you will not be able to apply for such. Each and every district must determine for itself whether they wish to pursue a technology plan.

Step 2 – Develop a Basic Tech Plan before you apply for Form 470

ISBE provides several templates for this purpose. You can use them, or you can copy and paste year 3 of your last plan into a new document and make edits, additions, corrections, etc. based upon your needs for next school year. The Basic (1 year) Plan must cover what you will be applying for from E Rate for Funding Year 13, or Fiscal Year 14. You will find a template for the Basic Plan at ISBE's website, scroll to links down the page. <http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/elearning/html/e-rate.htm>

Step 3 – Gain Access to MyIIRC to log into E Plans

District Improvement Plans (School Improvement Plans) will have a portion dedicated to Technology Planning. Please follow the directions (LogInIIRCDirections) to gain access to that section of the Interactive Report Card website: <http://iirc.niu.edu>

The Technology Plan Template on IIRC. Access to this will open up sometime in September, 2012. LTC1C will provide that date for you when it becomes available. Follow the directions in Step 3 to gain access. You can begin the planning process, here are some hints:

1. Look at your old plan.
2. Assess your student data.
3. Look at your District or School Improvement Plan...pieces of this plan may be helpful in preparing the Technology Plan portion of the integrated plan.
4. Update your Technology Inventory list to be ready to enter it into the plan.
5. Check your email for updates as they occur.

Step 4 – Sign up for Tech Planning/E Rate Workshop

LTC1C will facilitate some planning sessions for the technology planning process. As of today, only one session has been scheduled at the South Cook ISC location (<http://www.s-cook.org>). Please visit their registration page to sign up for that workshop. Friday October 19, AM Tech Plans, PM E Rate.

Resource Links

E Rate USAC Website: <http://www.usac.org/sl/>

ISBE Website for Technology Planning and E Rate:

<http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/elearning/html/e-rate.htm>

LTC1C: <http://www.ltc1c.k12.il.us>– Check for updates and additional information.