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Efficient ed-tech deployment is about more than IT

5 ways to get the teacher training right

When schools were forced to transition instantly from in-class to remote learning, there was no time for strategic planning, pilot programs — or teacher training.

Teachers navigated new technology on their own or got just the nuts-and-bolts instruction. But learning how to use a few specific digital tools is not the same as learning how to use technology to teach.

For many, the fastest, simplest thing is to try and replicate the familiar in-person classroom with unfamiliar tools. But this moment offers a golden opportunity to forge ahead — to marry the best of in-person classroom dynamics with the best of technology-enhanced teaching — truly transforming learning.

As schools reopen, most with new models like hybrid classrooms, it's time to focus professional development (PD) on integrating technology into learning spaces and teaching methods. The way forward lies not so much in strengthening technology skills as in using technology to strengthen already good teaching practices.

Both IT and administrators have valuable perspectives to share in the planning and implementation.

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Here are five strategies to consider:

01. Create a culture of adoption.
Set clear expectations and goals. Provide a safe space to try out activities and get feedback from peers. Set up a teacher resource website.

02. Give your rock stars a stage.
Look to teachers who are committed to and successfully practicing technology integration. They can help plan, lead, and assess training.

03. Bring in the experts (or create your own).
Some schools have retained instructional technologists or trained their own "technology coaches" to work with teachers one on one — to learn technologies, practice, and evaluate.

04. Be the change you wish to see.
It's vital that administrators model technology adoption using the same digital tools teachers are learning. PD instruction should make use of these tools, too, so teachers are learning the way their students are.

Offer further support by supplying devices that power these tools while lasting the entire school day, like Lenovo Windows 10 PCs powered by the Intel vPro® platform.

05. Take a page from the ISTE playbook.
Even teachers not pursuing ISTE certification can benefit from the many ideas packed into the **ISTE Standards for Educators.** Work them into the PD curriculum.

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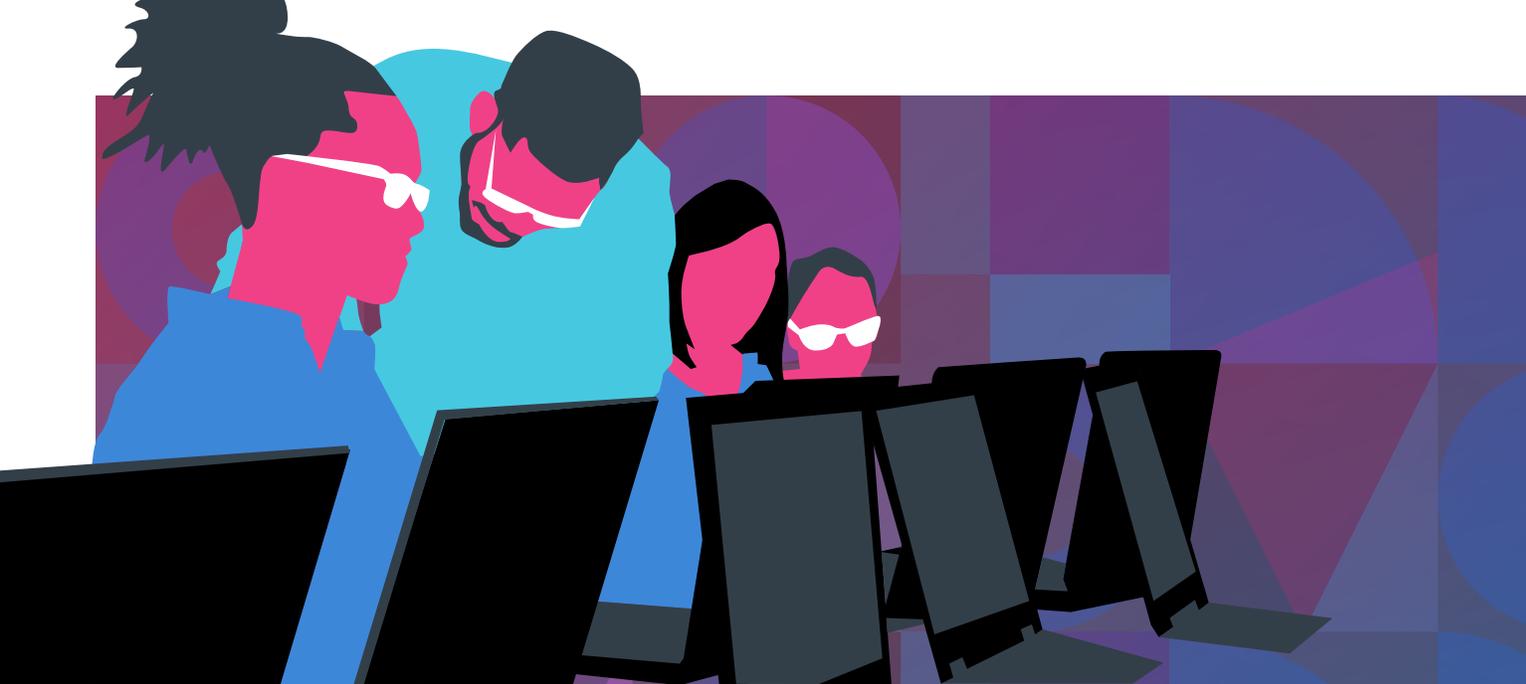
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Don't forget this piece of the puzzle

Of course, all this is moot if the technology itself is the barrier to adoption. Affordable, easy-to-use solutions are available to enhance the hybrid teaching and learning experience.

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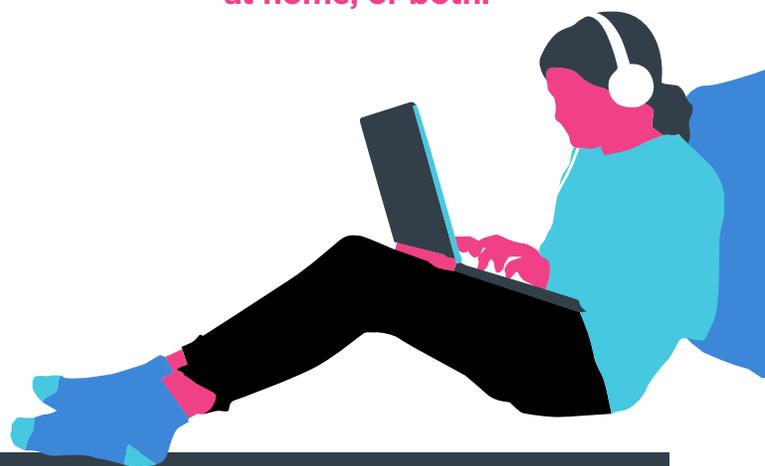
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