

Kellogg Middle School Technology Plan
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Kellogg Middle School has made an earnest and persistent effort to upgrade our teaching to meet the State technology standards.

In the present:

- Our teaching staff has achieved over 90% Basic Educational Technology Competency.
- This year, we offer courses this year of basic keyboarding, computer applications, KMS Broadcast, and technology.
- Many of our core classes utilize the computer labs for students to research their subjects on the internet, use word processing to prepare reports, and use Power Point to make presentations.
- Math classes use Accelerated Math, a computer program designed for students to receive individualized practice and tests on their math skills.
- Reading classes use Accelerated Reading, a computer program designed for students to receive individualized placement and testing on their reading comprehension.
- In Computer Applications, students learn more advanced word processing skills, spreadsheets, power point and they also produce our school newspaper.
- In Technology, students learn many advanced skills such as programming, web page design, robotics, etc.
- In KMS Broadcast, students learn to design video productions, TV announcement pages and to present the daily announcements across our Channel One TV's. These skills are a stepping stone to the more advanced Channel Three class that is offered in our building for high school students.

In the future:

As part of our diligent efforts to align our technology curriculum with State Standards, a team of building and district technology representatives met this spring and raised the standard for our students. Next fall:

All (instead of some) of our sixth grade students will have a semester Keyboarding class some time during the year

All seventh and eighth grade students must pass one semester of computer applications as a requirement before entering high school.

The skills taught in 7^{or} 8th grade Computer Applications course, in combination with the fifth and sixth grade Keyboarding practice should also prepare students to pass the proficiency test required for high school graduation.