

Suggestions for Improvement

When thinking about technology in the Enid Public Schools, what suggestions for improvement do you have?

1. more computer techs and better headphones in labs
2. Smart boards in classrooms
3. more training
4. Classroom computers that work for students to use.
5. more training at appropriate grade level.
6. more classes
7. I would like more and better computers in my room with interactive software and internet access. As it is I have two ancient computers, limited software, and no student internet access.
8. More resources, as mentioned above.
9. I still have not been able to check my Junk e-mail folder. I emailed Mike King in Oct. letting him know the problem I was having. He was going to forward my message to Troy so he could check my username and verification, but I never received a message from him.
10. 400 graphing calculators at the high school
11. Universal Grade book!
12. keeping supplies at the site for our computers--especially ink cartridges
13. Respond to teachers needs! Tech Dept to respond to E-Mails and Phone calls.
14. We just need more programs/ computers/ and tools to use daily in our classrooms on a daily basis so we can incorporate the latest information in our lessons.
15. More training for teachers
16. Keep up the things that we do have ,like updated printers, ink cartridges without teachers having to buy them.
17. None
18. When buying make sure someone follows up to make sure that it is used..
19. A computer lab in our building.
20. on line training so it could be accessed at home/school when it was convenient
21. The actual technology in the classroom.
22. More projectors. It is a pain to check one out, return it, and go through the process again.
23. You might look to industry to find their upgrades. When they get new things, we could use the ones they replaced. We have the WORST copiers! Longfellow is down most of the time because of that "rebuilt copier" in the teachers' work room. We need at least two copiers that do not break down every time there is a test scheduled---9 weeks tests, or mid-terms. This is our main concern! HELP!
24. I like your idea of ongoing classes.
25. na
26. More indepth training for new teachers on the software used in the school system.
27. MORE TRAINING so that I could use more of the great technology that is offered to us.
28. We need more computers and replacement parts, such as headphones.
29. Keep us informed and up-to-date.
30. Have updated computers in the classroom that every child can have access to daily. Have a trained person at each sight that can take care of problems that arise in the computer room or in the building or at least have some one that can be available every other day in the building.
31. It seems that the cabling person that sets up our internet is not connected with the technology department and this seems wrong.

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32. We need a new student program that is more user friendly. Our system is too slow to meet our needs. I hope that the new system will be more appropriate for our needs.
33. Laptops and Palm computers w/wireless internet capabilities
34. Keep it simple, Not everyone eats, sleeps and dreams of technology.
35. n/a
36. More whiteboards
37. I believe when we are trying to work in Wen-gage that some that there is a problem with the speed of working in it.
38. Emerson does not have a computer lab. It would be so beneficial to have a lab that any class could use and schedule accordingly. Yes, we access to the library but you still cannot get the entire class on at once often times. Also we could do thing other than research which is how the library's computers are used.
39. Be able to use more equipment. It takes funds and I understand that.
40. I had an old student computer that quit working in Sept/Oct and asked for a replacement...I have yet to receive one.
41. Grant information to increase purchasing power.
42. I taught at Stillwater Junior High before I moved back to Enid. The technology that they had there was amazing! Three classroom sets of wireless laptops that we could check out and take to our rooms to use for projects, etc... We also had whiteboards and Elmo's that we could teach from. The computer lab was always available to use (if you signed up for it). Every math teacher had classroom sets of graphing calculators that we could teach with. I know that the elementary schools had even more technology with their labs. Also, teachers could access everything saved under their name from home, not just e-mail. We could access files, too. Every teacher also was required to keep a web page for the homework hotline up and current each week. It was a great way for parents to be able to see everything that was going on homework wise in their child's classroom. I am not trying to compare Enid to Stillwater. But, these are just some of the awesome things that I have experienced there and it would be great if we had them here, too.
43. Training/education-more and continued
44. more computers in our lab.
45. Computer station with at least 2-4 computers in every classroom for student use.
46. 1) Teachers must have LCDs setup in classrooms first. 2) Until classrooms get portable labs, hands on opportunities will be limited. Until these things happen the training, regardless of quality will have little impact...except for those of us that are "driven" to use it.
47. Smart boards are a must for the classrooms
48. Faster turn around time on computers that are down.
49. attendance
50. #1: Outfit as many classrooms in the high school and junior high schools with a SMART Board. #2: Provide a computer lab at Emerson that all of the teacher can have access to, so that their students can to research and internet projects.
51. Better quality Please replace stolen or damaged computers.
52. I would like to see new student computers for the classrooms.
53. some of us still need basic, very basic classes and therer don't seem to be any. I need to start at the beginning. I can logon but from there its a little iffy. It would be nice to have a computer for dummies class or give some funding for a beginners course at Autry Vogtech
54. I would just suggest that we always keep our technology current so that we can better serve our children and prepare them for the future. In our school internet is not a common thing among households, so any type of technology for these students is major to prepare them for the outside world.

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55. N/A
56. This survey helps you hear what the teachers need, and I'm sure others have contributed to this survey.
57. Continue to get smart boards
58. Additional computers and Smartboards, more teaching software
59. More smartboards are needed, computers need to be updated. All grades and attendance need to be on computer from each room. Our district web site needs vast improvement. If you look at other districts you'll find ours is awful More classes need to be given for each teacher to have their own web site. Many of us have no idea how to go about doing this type of thing.
60. TOUCH SCREENS FOR ALL CLASSROOM LAPTOPS
61. Keeping all of the classrooms with the most up-to-date computers and adding smartboards.
62. Get rid of old computers and buy new.
63. Stay current with new trends and technology. Continue to strive to be leaders in technology use and equipment.
64. Training on database usage for students.
65. Portable computer systems that can be taken home to do work after hours.
66. I would love for teachers to have the ability to "chat" with one another, just teacher to teacher (not necessarily "MSN, or yahoo chat"). Sometimes a need arises to talk with another teacher quickly and some type of instant messaging would be nice. It would sure save time and many needless trips to empty rooms.
67. Offer more hands on training during prof. days [Hard Rock Internet Cafe] Newest computers should be in Tech Ed department first. We teach technology. School should be matching grant money to Make a Professional Lab.
68. I would like to see one full-time tech at each site.
69. Adding LCD projectors (and/or smart boards) at the high school... getting 1-2 projectors for each discipline (1-2 projectors for math, 1-2 for science, etc.).
70. Bigger server.
71. Students need more ready access to computers in every classroom rather than having to go to a lab on 3rd floor or the library.
72. More training available at more sites
73. More lab areas Classroom sets of graphing calculators for high school math classrooms.
74. More internet accessible computers for portables. Classroom sets of graphing calculators are needed for math teachers. Smart boards for math teachers would be nice.
75. SMART BOARDS IN THE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS
76. Always keep updating computer programs for teacher use. Allow teachers to use hotmail accounts at school
77. I believe that Student Response Systems would greatly benefit all students and increase productive teaching patterns.
78. I have to master first things first. I am not sure what to suggest for improvement.
79. Person to clean and maintain computers frequently(not custodial cleaning only)
80. More updated classroom computers
81. Since Coolidge has such a large enrollment I wish there were more computers in the lab. In some of the bigger classes students have to rotate when they get to use a computer because there aren't enough. I also am desiring for each classroom to have more than one computer in their classroom so various students can use them at the same time.
82. Classroom computers and software.(access to successmaker / other programs--educational only--for example the ones for our adopted curriculum. I would like to see them on all of our classroom computers. SMART boards and other technology to aid in classroom teaching.

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83. Up grade old computers in our classrooms. (Computers which used to be in computer labs.
84. I would like to see more onsite training. It would also be nice to have more smart boards available throughout the district for those that are interested.
85. I would like to see Grade books kept online and Attendance kept online. I would like more help with utilizing my SMart Board in a Language Arts secondary classroom. I would like my AP funds unfrozen so that I could purchase clickers for classroom use.
86. white boards installed in classrooms LCD projectors onsite
87. gradebook need to be standardized across district; easy to use for teachers
88. A technology person at each site
89. find a way to even the playing field between schools that have all or most of the items mentioned above and those that have almost none. Supportive parents and PTA groups are great, but they are not distributed evenly over town.
90. I think every school should have the same level of technology available to them.
91. more computers in the computer lab, better headsets, typing tutor software
92. COMMUNICATION between techs and teachers when needed. Instant connections when problems arise.
93. more computer access for students
94. More funding
95. As always, more equipment available for classroom use, such as whiteboards.
96. SmartBoards in all classrooms are needed, Grade book program, student response systems across the district, etc.
97. Smart boards in every classroom.
98. More time during my contacted day to help learn new programs.
99. Extra computers in classrooms for students' use.
100. i would like for a tech to be assigned to hayes on a certain day of the week. that person would be available to answer questions, help with problems on the computer, etc. you would not have to email your problems to central office and then wait for someone to come fix your computer. i also feel that we should have a full time computer tech in our computer lab. they should be able to answer questions, help teach powerpoint to students, key boarding, etc.
101. I would really like to see a workshop for Harcourt Math that's currently used in the computer lab.
102. Every teacher needs a smartboard and student clickers
103. That it is working properly.
104. A smartboard in every room.
105. It is frustrating to always have so many problems and noone who can help. It takes days to settle little issues. Our Secretary staff started the year off with many problems...lack of training!!!! Sets a negative mood for all. The lab situation has math problems with wrong answers. We all want study island and have to pay out of our school budget 2,000 or more for site license
106. Can you get more money ? (:::)))
107. Have a report card program that works ALL the time...so I don't have to keep entering my data more than once per 9 weeks. RE: programs that students use in the computer lab...Keep them working without glitches.
108. Laptops to use in classrooms.
109. I would like to take advantage of more classes, but they are only offered once and with limited attendance

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110. When you get an e-mail answer it within a week. The next day would awesome!
111. Update digital cameras and video recorders. Make sure that those is school libraries are up to date and functional.
112. We are missing using the World Book Online program. It was very user friendly for the children to do research.
113. When formal classes at a remote class are given a follow up class or two would be advisable. Also my computer wasn't updated enough to use the programs I was taught to implement.
114. Better availability. I would use all of the above technology and have attended training sessions, but I cannot afford to get the resources on my own. Yes, I have requested these items from the proper chain of command.
115. Again, there is too much discrepancy across the district regarding the upgrade and makes of computers. More standardization and consistent upgrading is needs.
116. I want teachers to be able to have a pg link from our name on our school site. I would love to offer my weekly newsletter and monthly calendar to my parents online. I've worked with Terry, but it's such a chore for the parents to get to and mostly didn't work. I would be willing to help in any way to help this happen.
117. possible use of the network at home or better filtering or non-filtering of sights that benefit education
118. Increased tech support
119. We need the technology in the classroom.
120. Continue with more training, more on-site training, BETTER HANDOUTS at training so when I go to do what I learned, I have a resource in hand (not online) to use to guide me as I learn to implement the new skill or program
121. More software and computers for student use.
122. More use of distance learning and providing aome software for the Adult student.
123. More digital projectors available for ALL schools.
124. The even though the tech's have a lot of work, sometimes it would benefit them to explain what they did to the teacher so that if the problem occured again, maybe they can fix it instead of sending in a work order. (teach them how to fish instead of giving them the fish).
125. New technology to facilitate instruction in Adult Education.
126. Get us the new technology out there
127. Be in the classroom and see exactly what is being done. Do not generalize "everyone" in the district. See what is actually happening in the elementary side (primary/intermediate). We are trying to teach. Things need to be easy for us to use.
128. Expansion of usable and applicable software that can but utilized in the classroom setting. For example, keyboarding and programs that supplement the curriculum.
129. We need an up to date phone system, each teacher needs voice mail capability, an efficient way to route calls, need the capability to dial office to office without going through the main secretary, each teacher needs a phone on their desk, we spend too much time running messages. We need to be able to make class changes on site, we spend too much time looking up room numbers and hand writing take slips-sometimes up to 8 times per student. We need a way to do pre-enrollment in a central location on computer instead of by hand.
130. on site tech so many problems daily in labs that are difficult to assess with so many different people in there daily. more training on available software in the labs
131. I would like to have more funding spent on classroom technology rather than purchasing expensive componants for administrative personnal who won't be using it in the classroom.

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132. We need to better align technology curriculum from elementary to high school. Principals need to be included in the decision or planning process. As we may come up with a plan, but sometimes principals don't go along with in scheduling.

133. Place the teachers on the side with the administrators so they will not be blocked out of so many sites.

134. More training that is individually tailored to my learning style.

135. How about writing grants or in some way getting the money for equipment that is fairly basic but we do not have funds for them on the building level, such as the SMART Board and LCD Projector.

136. We are behind in the technology that is being used elsewhere. The equipment that we have is fast becoming out dated. And we do not have allot of the equipment that we need.

137. Workshops on site if the intrest is there I like to have new technology I see to be able to use in the classroom. A area for teachers that are not as good with computers to ask for videos from united streaming so they can use them and maybe want to learn more about how to do it themselves.

138. I think that we need to increase the number of usable computers in the elementary classrooms. We need to purchase a few software programs (that can be used on any computer in the building) to supplement the classroom teachers curriculum.....a keyboarding program, something for science and social studies, etc.

139. more classroom computers or more open computer labs. Our building doesn't have a lot of computers open for student use that work with our programs (successmaker, united streaming, publisher)

140. Any kind of technology. I know that our district is behind other districts in this area. It would be nice to be able to compete with other districts in the area of technology.

141. digital projectors made readily available for all classrooms to use.

142. Begin proper keyboarding instruction EARLY and appropriately. More integration of language arts and computer skills, for example, composition, spelling via word processing/publishing. Probably more integration of subject matter and skills overall. Sharing information about how schools/teachers are using technology appropriately and successfully.

143. I really don't like technology that much (my fault) so it's difficult to answer this one. I'm almost always a little uncomfortable with it.

144. I would love more computers in the building (of course, my classroom would be great!) We have to compete for computer time in the library with all the other disciplines. LCD projectors and smart boards would go a long way towards solving this problem.

145. Continue to work on communication. More notice when changes, updates or courses are being offered.

146. Followups on all work orders to see if they have been completed.

147. Training to be held every professional day in someway. On the Jan professional day and February day there should be something offered every time for teachers to attend. I would go every time if there was.

148. Having at least two computers in each classroom would help for programs such as AR (Accelerated Reader) and AM (Accelerated Math).

149. For me personally, I would like to see some classes offered in the summer. (or at least a week or two before school starts) This is when I have more time. When classes are offered after school from 3:30 to 4:30, it is hard for me to come. I have classroom work to do after school and I have yearbook things to work on.

150. Keep us motivated

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151. Signing in & out, & attendance could all be done on the computer. Drop / Add could be typed in & added alphabetically to our class rosters - teachers could look at new names as they take roll - on the computer. Lets get rid of all those little slips of paper that are easily dropped & lost. Made up absences, lessons sent to ISP all could be better handled on the computer. The paper trail could be used as a back up IF system were down. It would be less expensive to EPS.....
152. Need to have the ability to use the same student number for identification, lunch tickets, library circulation, etc.
153. Continue to add more technology in individual classrooms
154. Funding to meet our technology needs.
155. We need updated computers for students to use, wireless laptops for the students, and a wireless network. It would also be nice to have smart boards in our classrooms.
156. It has gotten better, but when you know that you are needing to work on the system, please let us know.
157. some computers don't work and they need to be replaced
158. Keep us updated with the latest technology. You actually do a pretty good job at this considering the financial constraints you face.
159. We really need more options in the lab. Success Maker is nothing more than drill and practice that the students have done for years. Something like Study Island that is tied to PASS skills would help. A variety of other subjects would be great. I hope they update the science too.
160. We need more student Response Systems and Smart Boards available for the classrooms.
161. I need more computers in our lab as we do not have enough for my entire class.
162. My biggest problem is not enough up-to-date computers for my students in my room or in our library. I need them.
163. Greater student access in the classroom, Whiteboards,
164. More of a budget in the tech. department for resources
165. Reinstall the worldbook online. Smart boards in all classrooms of teachers that will use them. Support and training for the Smart boards with activities available for the teacher to use in his/her curriculum.
166. update computers in classroom for student use
167. Acquisition of equipment needs to come more quickly, though I am aware this is a financial issue. I, frankly, think we need to "shove" a few more staff members (kicking and screaming, if necessary) into the 21st century of technology and its use in the classroom. We need a system-wide records system that will include gradebooks, attendance, etc. and we need it now.
168. When doing upgrades - should start with the elementary students FIRST
169. I think that we should take more advantage of email. It seems like there is still so much waste of paper. I would also like to do attendance via computer.
170. The administration of the district seems slow to accept the new technology.