

Education Technology

Proposed Concept #4

Ensure all students have a computing device (laptop and/or tablet), either provided by the institution or owned by the student and supported by the institution.

Current State

Students face challenges obtaining access to computers and finding resources to support their devices. New incoming students expect IT support for personal computing devices. Campus infrastructures vary in their ability to support additional student device usage and the current diverse array of student-owned devices.

Desired Future State

Students have their own device, which meets specified institutional standards. The system leverages its size to purchase computing devices or other equipment at a bulk rate, where possible. A fee structure provides a widespread support system. There is flexibility in accommodating diverse academic programs where students use more specialized software or hardware and other specialized equipment. Institutions have an infrastructure to support increased device usage.

Benefit to Students, Faculty, Staff, and Beyond

- Students have the ability to utilize the capabilities of their individual devices in meeting academic purposes and do not have to rely on campus facilities which may not be available 24/7. Students are better prepared for workplace technology use.
- Faculty have the ability to fully leverage technology in their courses.
- Staff are better able to serve students by having a more limited range of devices on campus, instead of supporting a wide variety of student devices.
- Institutional learning spaces have more flexibility.



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