

Independent School District of Boise City Technology Department

Technology Plan Survey
Summary of Results
2 May 2005

The survey was developed cooperatively and activated online April 22, 2005. Dr Simmons sent an email to all District staff with some background information and a link to the online survey. To date, there have been 937 survey completions.

The following are the highlights:

- a. 85% of respondents use online services from home.
- b. The tools considered most important to respondents are:
 - 1) Computer 97%
 - 2) Servers 90%
 - 3) Internet 87%
 - 4) E-mail 96%
 - 5) Printers 96%
- c. The three tools most often used by respondents are:
 - 1) E-mail
 - 2) Word Processing
 - 3) SASI
- d. The tool most used by respondents when communicating with parents/students:
 - 1) E-mail
 - 2) Printed documents
 - 3) Telephone
- e. 70% of respondents rated themselves "proficient" or "advanced" in their ability to deliver lessons using technology or guide students in using technology
- f. 96% of respondents rated themselves "proficient" or "advanced" in their ability to use technology to perform administrative tasks (Office, email, etc)
- g. More than 60% of respondents rated "time" (to learn or use) as a hindrance to their use of technology.
- h. When asked from whom training or support is received, respondents had no single preference. Respondents seem to take help from wherever they can find it.
- i. When asked to rate support they have received respondents indicated that:
 - 1) 66% think the Help Desk has been helpful.
 - 2) 80% feel that Building Coordinators are effective.
 - 3) 63% think that overall support for technology is adequate.
- j. 79% of Respondents indicated that they have the tools they need most or all of the time.

- k. Over half of respondents indicated that more than 60% of their students have computers and internet access at home.

The following is a summary of over 200 comments:

• Positive support for Educational Technology		29
• Negative support for Educational Technology	2	
• Positive Support for Building Coordinators		23
• Negative comments about Building Coordinators		3
• Old technology is a problem		29
• Would like SmartBoard/Projector or laptop		17
• Need more School Labs	16	
• New ideas (Client server or "clickers)		6
• Positive comments about Administrative use of Technology		6
• Help Desk - Positive		11
• Help Desk - Negative		14
• Concerns around Special Needs students (GT/SpEd)	7	
• Alternate training methods	12	
• Poor Support or unhappy with support	12	
• Positive about Fellows program	3	
• "Full-time" building tech support	4	
• Time	8	