

# THE ROLE OF THE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIST

*Ways the ET is an integral part of the teaching team!*



Trying to keep up with new trends in educational technology isn't easy, especially when those trends change rapidly. However, to build the type of learners we want to send out into the world, we must have a shared goal to bring deep, transformative learning to our students. The Educational Technologist (ET) is a partner who can help teachers accomplish that goal.

The role of the ET is to facilitate learning and improve performance by using and managing appropriate technological processes, resources, and instructional practices. Let's take a look at how the ET can become an integral part of the teaching and learning team!

## ETs Should:

- ◆ Collaborate with educators on standards-based instruction
- ◆ Spend the majority of their time dedicated to classroom instruction
- ◆ Work with educators to co-plan and/or co-teach
- ◆ Embrace a growth mindset
- ◆ Restrict time spent on technical troubleshooting
- ◆ Actively engage with educators and students to build a sense of community
- ◆ Build capacity for educators and students to seek out their own answers to common problems
- ◆ Support educators at their readiness level
- ◆ Practice an open door policy and create an inviting relationship with educators and students
- ◆ Participate during teacher PLCs to share expertise and work collaboratively on future learning
- ◆ Cultivate digital citizenship and global collaboration
- ◆ Empower stakeholders to think critically and creatively
- ◆ Help educators guide students to take an active role in choosing, achieving, and demonstrating competency in their learning goals
- ◆ Strive to be responsive and accessible to all educators and students
- ◆ Demonstrate commitment to scheduled sessions with educators and classrooms
- ◆ Take initiative
- ◆ Demonstrate a positive attitude
- ◆ Develop shared leadership among staff who can effectively support other duties such as SharePoint, PA Systems, Webmaster, PAO duties, etc.
- ◆ Remember to act as the technology ambassador for educators and students



## Questions to Consider

- ◆ In what way is the ET an integral part of instruction in the classroom?
- ◆ How is the ET planning and working with educators and students in the classroom?
- ◆ In what way are educators collaborating with ETs to continually improve their practices to leverage technology for improved student learning?



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