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The Technology Integration Matrix: Introducing the Five Characteristics





Levels of Technology Integration



 ENTRY LEVEL The teacher begins to use technology tools to deliver curriculum content to students.	 ADOPTION LEVEL The teacher directs students in the conventional and procedural use of technology tools.	 ADAPTATION LEVEL The teacher facilitates students in exploring and independently using technology tools.	 INFUSION LEVEL The teacher provides the learning context and the students choose the technology tools to achieve the outcome.	 TRANSFORMATION LEVEL The teacher encourages the innovative use of technology tools. Technology tools are used to facilitate higher order learning activities that may not have been possible without the use of technology.
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Characteristics of the Learning Environment



 ACTIVE LEARNING Students are actively engaged in using technology as a tool rather than passively receiving information from the technology.	Active Entry Information passively received	Active Adoption Conventional, procedural use of tools	Active Adaptation Conventional independent use of tools; some student choice and exploration	Active Infusion Choice of tools and regular, self-directed use	Active Transformation Extensive and unconventional use of tools
 COLLABORATIVE LEARNING Students use technology tools to collaborate with others rather than working individually at all times.	Collaborative Entry Individual student use of tools	Collaborative Adoption Collaborative use of tools in conventional ways	Collaborative Adaptation Collaborative use of tools; some student choice and exploration	Collaborative Infusion Choice of tools and regular use for collaboration	Collaborative Transformation Collaboration with peers and outside resources in ways not possible without technology
 CONSTRUCTIVE LEARNING Students use technology tools to connect new information to their prior knowledge rather than to passively receive information.	Constructive Entry Information delivered to students	Constructive Adoption Guided, conventional use for building knowledge	Constructive Adaptation Independent use for building knowledge; some student choice and exploration	Constructive Infusion Choice and regular use for building knowledge	Constructive Transformation Extensive and unconventional use of technology tools to build knowledge
 AUTHENTIC LEARNING Students use technology tools to link learning activities to the world beyond the instructional setting rather than working on decontextualized assignments.	Authentic Entry Use unrelated to the world outside of the instructional setting	Authentic Adoption Guided use in activities with some meaningful context	Authentic Adaptation Independent use in activities connected to students' lives; some student choice and exploration	Authentic Infusion Choice of tools and regular use in meaningful activities	Authentic Transformation Innovative use for higher order learning activities in a local or global context
 GOAL-DIRECTED LEARNING Students use technology tools to set goals, plan activities, monitor progress, and evaluate results rather than simply completing assignments without reflection.	Goal-Directed Entry Directions given; step-by-step task monitoring	Goal-Directed Adoption Conventional and procedural use of tools to plan or monitor	Goal-Directed Adaptation Purposeful use of tools to plan and monitor; some student choice and exploration	Goal-Directed Infusion Flexible and seamless use of tools to plan and monitor	Goal-Directed Transformation Extensive and higher order use of tools to plan and monitor

Five Characteristics of the Learning Environment

Each row of the Technology Integration Matrix represents one of the five characteristics:

- Active Learning
- Collaborative Learning
- Constructive Learning
- Authentic Learning
- Goal-Directed Learning.





Characteristics of a Meaningful Learning Environment





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Students are actively engaged in using technology as a tool rather than passively receiving information from the technology.

● **TRANSFORMATION LEVEL:**
Extensive and unconventional use of tools

● **INFUSION LEVEL:**
Choice of tools and regular, self-directed use

● **ADAPTATION LEVEL:**
Conventional independent use of tools; some student choice and exploration

● **ADOPTION LEVEL:**
Conventional, procedural use of tools

● **ENTRY LEVEL:**
Information passively received



Characteristics of a Meaningful Learning Environment



Students use technology tools to collaborate with others rather than working individually at all times.

● **TRANSFORMATION LEVEL:**
Collaboration with peers and outside resources in ways not possible without technology

● **INFUSION LEVEL:**
Choice of tools and regular use for collaboration

● **ADAPTATION LEVEL:**
Collaborative use of tools;
some student choice and exploration

● **ADOPTION LEVEL:**
Collaborative use of tools
in conventional ways

● **ENTRY LEVEL:**
Individual student use
of tools



Characteristics of a Meaningful Learning Environment



Constructive

Students use technology tools to connect new information to their prior knowledge rather than to passively receive information.

● **TRANSFORMATION LEVEL:**
Extensive and unconventional use of technology tools to build knowledge

● **INFUSION LEVEL:**
Choice and regular use for building knowledge

● **ADAPTATION LEVEL:**
Independent use for building knowledge; some student choice and exploration

● **ADOPTION LEVEL:**
Guided, conventional use for building knowledge

● **ENTRY LEVEL:**
Information delivered to students



Characteristics of a Meaningful Learning Environment



Students use technology tools to link learning activities to the world beyond the instructional setting rather than working on decontextualized assignments.

● **TRANSFORMATION LEVEL:**
Innovative use for higher order learning activities in a local or global context

● **INFUSION LEVEL:**
Choice of tools and regular use in meaningful activities

● **ADAPTATION LEVEL:**
Independent use in activities connected to students' lives; some student choice and exploration

● **ADOPTION LEVEL:**
Guided use in activities with some meaningful context

● **ENTRY LEVEL:**
Use unrelated to the world outside of the instructional setting

Characteristics of a Meaningful Learning Environment



Students use technology tools to set goals, plan activities, monitor progress, and evaluate results rather than simply completing assignments without reflection.

● **TRANSFORMATION LEVEL:**
Extensive and higher order use of tools to plan and monitor

● **INFUSION LEVEL:**
Flexible and seamless use of tools to plan and monitor

● **ADAPTATION LEVEL:**
Purposeful use of tools to plan and monitor; some student choice and exploration

● **ADOPTION LEVEL:**
Conventional and procedural use of tools to plan or monitor

● **ENTRY LEVEL:**
Directions given; step-by-step task monitoring



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