Appendix F

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In the Fall of 2003, over 2,500 elementary, middle, and high schools in Florida responded to the STaR Survey. The STaR Survey is a comprehensive inventory of technology readiness. The following items from the 2003 STaR Survey relate to topics covered in this report.

Instructional Areas and Labs

Number of classrooms: 130,024
Number of media centers: 2,755
Number of computer labs serving general education: 4,739
Number of computer labs serving special education: 1,405
Number of computer labs serving vocational education: 2,443
Number of mobile labs: 1,397

Teacher Workstations

Number of modern teacher workstations: 143,985
Number of modern teacher workstations that are mobile: 30,489

Students Assigned Modern Computers

Does your school provide individual students with a modern computer for their exclusive use while at school?

Yes 255 schools (10.14%)
No 2259 schools (89.86%)

How many students have been provided a modern computer for their exclusive use while at school?

33,128

Are students allowed to take their assigned computer home?

Yes 85 schools (33.33%)
No 170 schools (66.67%)
Internet Connection

Most common Internet connection:

- 73% T1
- 12% Fibered, wired, connected to another district location

63% of schools reported that 100% of their instructional areas have direct connectivity to the Internet

85% of schools reported that their Internet connection is either dependable or very dependable

Digital Devices

(% of schools that have at least one of the following devices)

- 99% of schools have VCRs
- 97% of schools have projection devices
- 95% of schools have scanners
- 94% of schools have digital still cameras
- 80% of schools have digital video (or video/still combination) cameras
- 58% of schools have hand-held devices
- 58% of schools have DVD players
- 42% of schools have dedicated, portable word processors
- 26% of schools have graphing calculators (other than software-based)
- 11% of schools have digital probes

Professional Development

What percentage of the money spent on technology for your school is devoted to professional development in technology-related training?

Average amount spent was: 14%

- 25% of the schools devoted 0% of the technology budget to PD
- 60% of the schools devoted 10% or less of the technology budget to PD
- 88% of the schools devoted 25% or less of the technology budget to PD
Student Software Use

Which phrase best characterizes the primary way in which students at your school use technology in their class work?

58% Testing and practicing for skill mastery in core curriculum areas
35% Researching and presenting by individual students on a variety of topics in several/subject areas
4% Collaborating to propose, assess, and implement solutions to real-world problems
2% Working with other students to analyze data and evaluate information
1% Students do not use technology in their class work
Approach to Technology Use

Which of the following is **the most common** approach to technology use in your school? Technology is most commonly used as a

- **48%** supplement to instruction (e.g. programs or games used for skill practice).
- **22%** tool for providing instruction (e.g. integrated learning system)
- **15%** tool integrated into core curriculum areas (e.g. word processors, spreadsheets, probes, etc.)
- **9%** tool embedded in daily instruction for all curriculum areas (e.g. word processors, spreadsheets, probes, etc.)
- **6%** method for delivery of instruction (e.g. lectures with PowerPoint, etc.)