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?
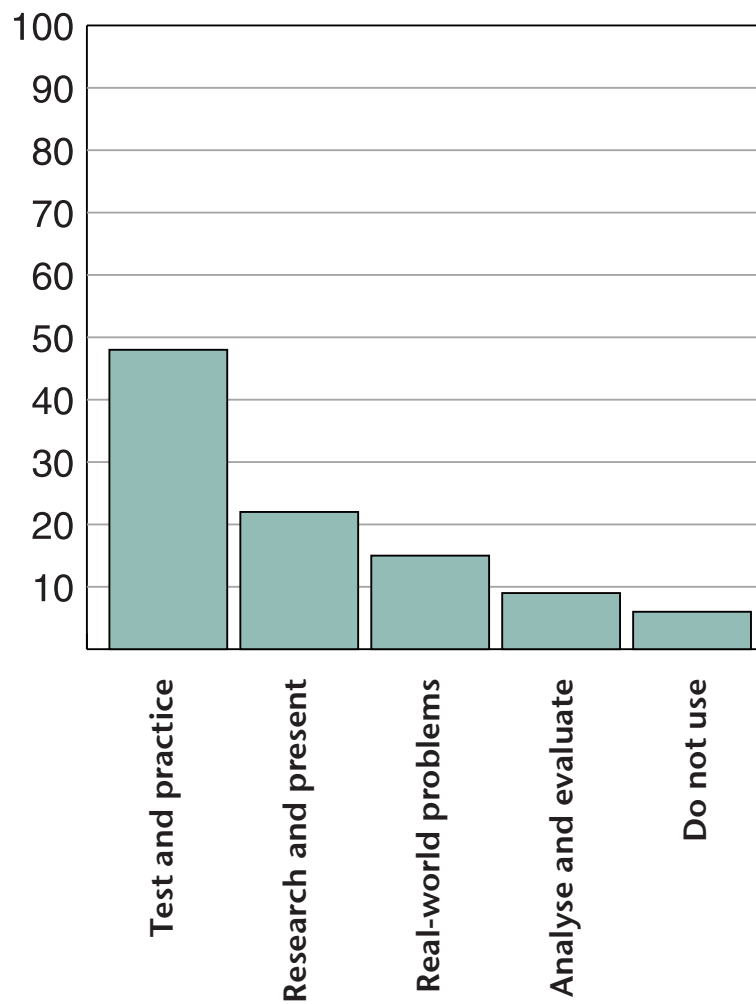
Average amount spent was: 14%

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.)