

Lloyd Wood Middle School



Meeting the Technology Standard



In today's information-rich society, it is imperative that students command an understanding technology. Through education, students become equipped to effectively use the resources that have developed. Lloyd Wood Middle School is dedicated to preparing students to meet the challenges of technology. In the face of demanding national and state standards for technology, Lloyd Wood Middle School strives to exceed the standards to achieve excellence.

Spotlight On Excellence

A continuous process of integration and upgrading technology is taking place at Lloyd Wood Middle School. Each student has the opportunity to use computer technology. Currently students develop research skills as they retrieve data from the Internet to complete Social Studies and Science assignments. Web-based research projects motivate students to explore the educational properties of the Internet, thus developing the ability to locate and collect information from a variety of sources. Such projects also cultivate curiosity and

creativity, resulting in a quality product that the student can take pride in. Accelerated English and Reading programs are currently being utilized, and integration of an accelerated Math program is in progress. These are a few examples of the advances Lloyd Wood Middle School has made in equipping students with technology skills.

In The Classroom

Computer technology is being utilized in the classroom. Future Quest, which is taught by Mr. Mark Patterson, is part of the core curriculum. In this class, students identify interests and explore career options aided by computers. Since the class is required, each student



experiences the innovations in technology and is introduced to the possibilities for personal growth through employing the computer.

The Computer Tech class, taught by Mr. Gary Smelley, introduces the student to a variety of technology tools available. Students work with various programs to process data, manipulate results, and

generate reports. Becoming acquainted with the programs used in business world, students are better prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead. Having knowledge of these tools gives the student an edge in a competitive arena.

Technology is a key element in Ms. Leigh Smitherman's Seminar class. She incorporates technology into Interest Projects. These activities challenge the student to produce a quality work, using technology that can be presented to an identified audience. Skills are developed in creating PowerPoint presents, designing Web pages, creating animation, and producing videos.

In The School

Computer technology is being used at Lloyd Wood Middle School to facilitate communication within the system. Email aids in disseminating information to teachers and staff. Scheduling and attendance can be accurately managed. Teachers receive training in current developments in technology and in utilizing those developments in the classroom. Student's assignments are being listed on the school Web page along with class syllabi. The current trend is to make technology an essential part of all areas of the school.

In The Community

Lloyd Wood Middle School is dedicated to the service of the community through education. In an effort to promote understanding and communication, LWMS has

developed a Website for students, parents, faculty, and staff. This site includes information parents will find useful including a calendar of events, supplies needed for class, and email addresses for teachers. An athletics page provides the schedules for upcoming events. The online newsletter keeps parents informed about current issues. A Computer Workshop for parents is being developed at present. This workshop will provide parents with the basic knowledge needed to operate a computer. Educating parents in the use of technology will facilitate communication and foster collaboration between parents and teachers. This teaming of resources will enhance the educational experience for each student as they enter into a technologically enhanced world.

