

White Plains Public Schools

**NYS Smart Schools Bond Act
Application Process**

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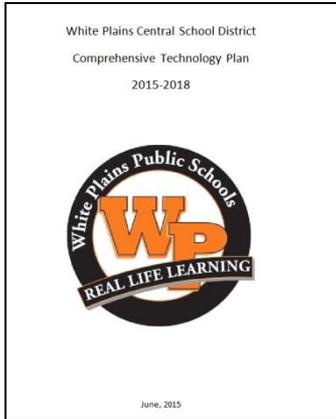
In March, 2014, the Governor and Legislature established Smart School funding for each school with White Plains scheduled to receive \$1,746,127.

In the past 18 months, the requirements of the Smart Schools Plan have been developed and White Plains has actively complied with each step of the process.

The first opportunity to participate in securing the funding occurs in the Fall and the White Plains School District would like to be part of the first group.

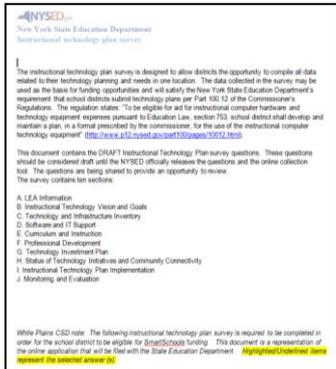
The District will use Smart Schools funding to extend the approved capital construction costs for the WiFi technology infrastructure project to the five elementary schools.

Three documents for the Smart Schools Application process



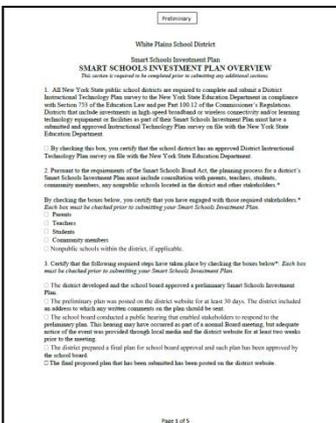
1. White Plains City School District Comprehensive Technology Plan 2015-18

While this is not submitted to SED, it is the foundational document to develop the Instructional Technology Plan Survey (#2 below) and requires approval from the SWBOCES/LHRIC.



2. Smart Schools – White Plains Instructional Technology Plan Survey

This document follows a defined format by the New York State Education Department and provides key information about the school district and its technology plan, including all of the components in #1 above.



3. Smart Schools Investment Plan Overview – Preliminary Plan

This document has been prepared in a defined format and focuses the investment on School Connectivity and describes the spending plan.

White Plains City School District

Comprehensive Technology Plan 2015-18 (#1) and White Plains Instructional Technology Plan Survey (#2)

Goals

- Student Goal: Students will solve problems individually and collaboratively, taking responsibility for their own learning in a technology infused classroom.
- Teacher Goal: Teachers will facilitate rigorous learning opportunities for all students in a technology infused classroom.
- District Goal: Students and staff will advocate and practice safe, legal, and responsible use of information and technology (e.g. Digital Citizenship).

***Highlights of the
Comprehensive Technology Plan 2015-18 (#1)
and White Plains Instructional Technology Plan Survey (#2)***

Technology Planning Process and Evaluation

- The District uses the Brightbytes Clarity online survey tool for benchmark data to measure the impact of technology on teaching and learning. Stakeholders, students, teachers, administrators and parents are surveyed twice a year annually.
- The District Technology Committee meets monthly to provide the basis of the instructional technology professional development offerings for a given school year.
- The District Staff Development Policy Board, made up of Teachers, Administrators, Parents, and representative from Higher Ed. design, plan and review the district's professional development plans, activities and offerings, including but not limited to instructional technology training and outcomes.

Curriculum and Instruction

- The District plans to use the model of Learner Active Technology Infused Classrooms (LATIC) in order to improve teaching and learning and promote collaboration and digital citizenship aligned with ISTE and Common Core Standards and the district curriculum.

Professional Development Plan

- The District's Staff Development Policy Committee worked to design and develop a comprehensive professional development plan to support the districts vision and mission.
- The focus will be designing and implementing learner active, technology infused classrooms (LATIC). The primary goals of this instructional model are using a 1:1 mobile device model to promote engagement with content, student responsibility for learning, and high academic rigor. The first cohort of LATIC teacher training is currently underway.

Smart Schools Investment Plan Overview – Preliminary Plan (#3)

- In order to complement and enhance the district's investment in 1:1 mobile devices and LATIC professional development, all of the schools and classrooms require a reliable, secure, high speed local area network (LAN) and enterprise Wi-Fi network.
- The District has allocated capital construction funds from a local voter approved bond issue for its four secondary schools towards the purchase of all of the WiFi network/access costs, school internal connections/components and professional services. The project is currently underway with an expected completion time of January 2016.
- The District will use Smart Schools funding under the budget category of school connectivity for the capital construction costs for the five elementary schools, including the purchase of all of the WiFi network/access costs, school internal connections/components and professional services. Smart Schools funding will be used to extend the approved technology project plan by the SED Office of Facilities Planning to the five elementary schools. Total school connectivity allocation from SED to the District is \$1,746,127.

Smart Schools Investment Plan Overview – Preliminary Plan (#3)

Budget Summary

Connectivity Projects for Schools	
Network/Access Costs (Equipment)	\$1,209,760.00
Outside Plant Costs	
School Internal Connections and Components (Wiring Construction)	\$465,001.00
Professional Services (Engineering)	\$71,366.00
Testing	
Other Upfront Costs	
Other Costs	
Total	\$1,746,127.00

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Next steps for the application process

- Board approval of Smart Schools Investment Plan Overview – Preliminary Plan (#3) tonight (August 24th).
- The three documents are then posted on the district website for 30 days, with a public comment submission feature.
- Final version of three documents prepared for the Board.
- Public hearing on the Smart Schools Investment Plan – Final Plan (#3) on October 5th.
- Board approval of the three final documents during regular meeting on October 5th.
 1. Comprehensive Technology Plan 2015-18
 2. White Plains Instructional Technology Plan Survey
 3. Smart Schools Investment Plan - Final Plan
- Final documents posted on the district website.

Questions and Comments