

An Educator's Reference Guide:

California's Ed Tech K-12 Voucher Program Aids 21st Century Learning

Funding is a considerable hurdle districts face when trying to implement solutions for technology literacy. California's Ed Tech K-12 Voucher Program allows eligible schools to access much-needed new funding for implementing and supporting technology plans that foster effective teaching and promote student achievement.

This brief guide is designed to illustrate how you can use voucher funding to maximize your district's investment in technology education by successfully infusing critical 21st Century Skills into the core curriculum. You'll see how students, teachers and administrators can benefit from proven technology solutions that enable 21st Century teaching and learning.

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<p>Evaluation Tools</p> <p>Voucher Program funds are available to assist participating schools in monitoring the effectiveness of technology education programs and their impact on student progress.</p>	<p>TechLiteracy Assessment™</p> <p>TechLiteracy Assessment by Learning.com meets the Voucher Program requirement as an effective technology education evaluation tool. Delivered online, this district-wide solution is designed to measure the technology proficiency of elementary and middle-school students.</p> <p>An easy-to-use, classroom-based, authentic evaluation tool, TechLiteracy Assessment enables educators to gather and report data on their students' technology literacy. It helps districts satisfy accountability requirements by demonstrating that student technology standards are being met.</p>
<p>General Purpose Vouchers</p> <p>General Purpose Vouchers may be used to purchase any non-custom software for eligible hardware, evaluation tools, information technology (IT) services, and professional development services.</p>	<p>EasyTech®</p> <p>Learning.com's online curriculum, EasyTech, not only addresses each of these categories, but effectively integrates 21st Century Skills into the classroom. Comprised of lessons, activities, quizzes and other useful resources, EasyTech's standards-based technology literacy curriculum helps students acquire and apply foundational technology to solve core curriculum and real-world problems.</p> <p>Fully scoped and sequenced, EasyTech addresses ISTE's National Educational Technology Standards and state technology standards. EasyTech's rich online curriculum meets the needs of both English and Spanish-speaking students, and provides all students with technology instruction without requiring teachers to be technology experts.</p> <p>Through its easy-to-use instructional tools, EasyTech allows teachers to use technology in the context of math, language arts, science and social studies – and improve student learning. Its powerful management system facilitates teacher tracking and reporting of student progress.</p>

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Software Vouchers

Software Vouchers may be used to purchase specific categories of software offered by any software publisher or vendor, including:

- Operating System
- Word Processing
- Spreadsheet
- Presentation
- Web Authoring
- Productivity and/or Productivity Suite

Professional Development

Under the guidelines of the Voucher Program, eligible schools may access funds for professional development services directed at the improvement of technology integration – and the use of technology to improve learning.

EasyTech

EasyTech's standards-based K-8 technology literacy curriculum helps students acquire foundational technology skills such as keyboarding, operating systems, word processing, spreadsheets, database management, Web-browsing, and much more. Students learn how to effectively use these common applications to accomplish classroom and real-world tasks.

Learning.com Workshops

Learning.com offers **Professional Development Workshops** that provide educators with valuable, on-site, hands-on training for teaching students the critical technology skills they'll need to succeed in the 21st Century – both in the classroom and beyond.

Learning.com Professional Development Workshops include:

- Beginning EasyTech Implementation
- Advanced EasyTech Implementation
- Curriculum Mapping with EasyTech
- Mentoring and Modeling with EasyTech
- TechLiteracy Assessment – Assess & Achieve
- Custom Workshops

For more information about using California's Ed Tech K-12 Voucher Program to integrate 21st Century Skills into the teaching and learning environment, please contact Learning.com today at **800.580.4640** or visit **www.learning.com**.

About Learning.com

Learning.com is dedicated to helping students and educators develop 21st Century Skills such as ICT literacy, problem solving, communication and collaboration. Our educational products and services help students develop and apply technology skills toward the reinforcement of core curriculum and solving real-world problems.

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