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Discover the 10 Questions Every School Should Ask Before Adopting New Technology

A strategic guide by Leaders for Learning LLC

Introduction

Technology should serve as a lever—not a distraction—for instructional excellence. Before investing in new tools, school leaders must ask the right questions to ensure alignment with academic priorities, operational capacity, and long-term impact. This guide offers a reflective framework to support informed, strategic decision-making.

The 10 Strategic Questions

- 1. What instructional outcomes will this technology directly support? Focus on how the tool enhances teaching and learning—not just operational efficiency.
- 2. **Is the need for this technology clearly defined and evidence-based?** Avoid reactive purchases. Ground decisions in data, stakeholder input, and instructional priorities.
- 3. How will this tool integrate with our current systems and workflows? Consider interoperability with SIS, LMS, and assessment platforms to avoid fragmentation.
- 4. What research or case studies demonstrate its impact in similar school contexts? Seek evidence from peer institutions—not just vendor claims.
- 5. What is the professional learning plan for staff? Ensure training is ongoing, differentiated, and aligned with instructional goals.
- 6. **Is the investment sustainable over time?** Evaluate total cost of ownership, renewal terms, and long-term support.
- 7. How will we measure success—and who owns that process? Define metrics tied to student achievement, teacher efficacy, or operational gains.
- 8. **Does the tool meet our district's data privacy and security standards?** Confirm compliance with FERPA, COPPA, and internal protocols.
- 9. **Can technology evolve with our needs?** Look for scalability, customization, and responsiveness to feedback.
- 10. Have we engaged instructional leaders, teachers, and families in the vetting process? Inclusive decision-making builds trust and ensures relevance.

Final Thoughts

Strategic technology adoption begins with clarity, collaboration, and a commitment to instructional excellence. These questions empower school leaders to move beyond trends and toward tools that truly support student success.



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