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Executive Summary

Students entering and attending THIGPEN ELEMENTARY will graduate and live in the 21st century. Their needs will be dictated by a rapidly changing society. It is our responsibility to prepare them to live, continue to learn in, and adapt to, this change. Decisions made today will have major effects on the quality and effectiveness of the educational process.

Technology is a major force in today's world; consequently, students must be prepared to utilize computers in education, business, and industry. It is imperative that THIGPEN ELEMENTARY continue to accept the responsibility to educate students and staff in the use of technology and provide access to the tools both for the educational process and the efficient management of the instruction.

This plan is a synthesis of the visions and recommendations provided by the Campus Technology Committee, insights shared by administrators and teachers, reviews of available literature, meetings with district representatives.

The goals and objectives contained herein can all be achieved. The goals and objectives are in accordance with the Texas Long-Range Plan for Technology, the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the federal Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, better known as E-Rate., and are designed to support the delivery of sound instruction to student mastery of the TA-TEKS and TAKS. The technology plan is a flexible document and will necessarily evolve to meet the ever-changing needs of the campus.

It is the campus's strongest belief that through the implementation of this plan for the use of technology, the goals of excellence in teaching, learning and effective management within THIGPEN ELEMENTARY are further advanced.

Purpose

THIGPEN ELEMENTARY has prepared this Campus Technology Plan to articulate a common vision for technology in the campus and identify the strategies that will help us use advanced technology to improve the academic achievement, including technology literacy, of all students of rigorous curriculum standards and the development of critical thinking skills that are essential for academic and workplace success and build the capacity of all teachers to integrate technology effectively into curriculum and instruction.

Background

This plan is based on information drawn from many sources including:

- A review of the literature to identify best practices
- Hardware/software inventory
- Texas Teacher and Campus STaR Chart
 - Interviews with site and district administrators and representatives from the **McAllen** community.
 - School site meetings

Parameters

This Long-Range Technology Plan is driven by the state curriculum standards and supports the educational mission and instructional goals of McAllen ISD and by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Specific attention is given to addressing student standards for technology as defined by the Technology Applications Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), required in the Texas Education Code, Section 28.002. The Technology Applications TEKS found in 19 TAC Chapter 126 describe what students should know and be able to do using technology. As a part of the enrichment curriculum, these TEKS are to be used as guidelines for providing instruction. The goal of the Technology Applications TEKS is for students to gain technology-based knowledge and skills and to apply them to all curriculum areas at all grade levels.

The plan stresses the importance of ongoing and sustained staff development in the integration of technology into the curriculum for teachers, principals, administrators, and school library media personnel to further the effective use of technology in the classroom or library media center. It also is consistent with the recommendations for LEAs as defined by the Texas Long-Range Plan for Technology in the areas of Teaching and Learning, Educator Preparation and Development, Administration and Support Services, and Infrastructure for Technology, as well as the e-rate applications guidelines, and other state standards, such as Technology Applications Standards for Beginning Teachers.

Demographics

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Total Student Enrollment	445	454	
Percent Economically Disadvantaged	91%	95.4%	
Number of Teachers	27	26	
Current Situation			
	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Computer/Student Ratio (number of students for every computer)	101 (.23)	150 (.33)	
Computer/Teacher Ratio (number of teachers for every computer)	1:1	1:1	
Number of Classrooms with Direct Connection to Internet	27	25	
Percentage of Classrooms with Direct Connection to Internet	100%	100%	

Needs Assessment

Assessment Process

A comprehensive needs assessment utilizing teacher/student surveys, interviews, focus group sessions, inventories and the Texas Campus and Teacher STaR Chart was conducted to analyze the current status of technology in the campus and determine future needs. Items analyzed included: infrastructure, hardware, software, programs, courses, student achievement, technology resources, staff development, and technical support.

Current Conditions

Technology Resources

The following resources are provided:

- Subscriptions to online resources for teachers and students including databases and encyclopedias.
- Video Streaming from United Learning
- AR reading programs
- Digital cameras, scanners, video cameras, and digital projectors for checkout
- Access in the library to adult literacy resources on the web for all community members. The campus website includes links for adult literacy programs, GED programs and other resources for adult education as well.
- eChalk
- PDAs
- Online tutorial program on technology sessions through Element K.

Staff Training

The following technology staff development is in place:

- All teachers are required to take a yearly survey to assess their technology skills.
- Master teachers and/or District Technology Specialists in the district will provide training to other teachers after school
- Other training is provided to the campus through content areas, ESC 1, campus-based training
- Computer Technology Facilitator provides technology trainings

Technical Support

The following technical support is currently in place.

- Campus Technology Facilitator
- Instructional Technology Specialist
- Computer Lab Manager
- Network Support Team

Existing Technology

The following technology is currently in place:

- Direct connection to the Internet via T1 leased line.
- Ethernet-to-the-desktop connected computer labs with two file servers for classes.
- Four network drops in every classroom.
- Computer projectors for classroom checkout and for permanent use.
- One networked computer lab with teaching assistant that provides support to teachers and students.
- Networked online card catalog, Internet access, and automated checkout in the library.
- Wireless units available for network connectivity

Goals & Objectives:

THIGPEN ELEMENTARY developed goals and objectives based upon the recommendations defined by the Texas Long-Range Plan for Technology and the McAllen ISD Technology Plan in the areas of Teaching and Learning, Educator Preparation and Development, Administration and Support Services, and Infrastructure for Technology.

Goals, Objectives, and Strategies

TEACHING AND LEARNING				
GOAL 1: To focus on the instructional needs of teachers and the learning needs of students in meeting the vision of technology in education.				
OBJECTIVE 1.1: 100% of Instructional Staff will be expected to develop strategies for students to improve academic achievement to meet the Technology Applications TEKS through the TEKS.				
<i>Strategies</i>	<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
1.1.1: Inform educators of the TA-TEKS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Meeting • Link on Campus Webpage 	State: Original Status: Completed	Jan. 2006	Principal; Campus Technology Committee	Fall 2005 Faculty Meeting eChalk Resources
1.1.2: Align the curriculum with the TA-TEKS.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Campus Technology Committee; Campus Technology Specialist	Teacher lesson plans; Instructional technology sessions; Content area TA-TEKS alignment meetings
1.1.3: Utilize technology-related activities to support the integration of the TA-TEKS into the TEKS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word processing assignments • Internet activities 	State: Original Status: Completed	2005-2006	Teachers	Teacher lesson plans
1.1.4: Utilize computer lab to integrate Technology Applications TEKS across the curriculum. Multimedia projects, Internet Research, Web-based activities	State: Modified Status: Planned	Ongoing	Teachers; Librarian; Computer Lab Manager	Lab sign-up forms; Teacher lesson plans
1.1.5: Teach the iSafe Curriculum (all Students)	State: New Status: Planned	Ongoing	Teachers; Librarian; <i>Computer Lab Manager; Coach</i>	Teacher lesson plans
OBJECTIVE 1.2: 100% of the Instructional Staff will be encouraged to meet SBEC Technology Applications standards for educators and TSSA Technology Standards for School Administrators respectively.				
<i>Strategies</i>	<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
1.2.1: Require all staff members to achieve technology proficiencies by participating in district-wide technology	State: Original	On-going	Principal, Campus Staff	ERO transcripts;

	classes for educators for Time Equivalency. ❖ At least 2 hours of technology training	Status: Planned			
1.2.2:	Schedule technology training at the campus to address specific needs. ❖ United Streaming	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Campus Technology Committee; Principal	ERO transcripts Making the Grade
OBJECTIVE 1.3: The campus will strive to have 100% of students achieve the technology proficiencies according to the benchmarks for Technology Applications TEKS.					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
1.3.2:	Utilize the Technology Application adoption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All K-5 students will receive a TechKnowledge account. ▪ No less than two teachers per grade level will utilize Technology Application adoption materials 	State: New Status: Planned	Ongoing	Principal; Teachers	TechKnowledge Usage Reports

OBJECTIVE 1.4: Increased evaluation and innovation across the curriculum through technology. (ref. 1.1) <i>Budget Amount \$50.00</i>					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
1.4.1:	Assess and evaluate Success Maker	State: Original Status: Planned	As Needed	Campus Technology Committee	District Evaluation Kit documentation
1.4.2:	Investigate emerging technologies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document reader • eInstruction -CPS 	State: Original Status: Completed	2005-2006	Campus Technology Committee	Lesson plans; At least two teachers will participate in events
OBJECTIVE 1.5: 100% of schools will integrate ongoing planning for technology into all classrooms and libraries on each campus in the district, and encourage participation of the community.					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
1.5.1:	Continue meetings of the Campus Technology Committee to address technology integration into the curriculum in the Campus Technology Plan.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Principal; Campus Technology Committee Chairperson;	Quarterly meetings; agendas
1.5.2:	Maintain a Campus Technology Committee to include: Technology Specialist, Librarian, Principal, and teachers.	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Campus Technology Committee; Principal	Campus Technology Committee membership list; meeting dates; agendas
1.5.3	90% teachers will complete the Texas STaR Charts.	State: New	October	Campus Technology Committee; Principal	STaR Chart Statistics

		Status: Completed			
OBJECTIVE 1.6: Increased accessibility by all students to technology-based instruction and to adaptive/assistive devices, training and support, as appropriate. <i>Budget Amount \$100.00</i>					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
1.6.1:	Investigate accessibility at each campus for all students to technology-based instruction and to adaptive/assistive devices, training and support, as appropriate.	State: Original Status: NA	Ongoing	Principal; Director Special Education	Screenings, Evaluations
1.6.2:	Acquire/adapt technologies to ensure equal access for students.	State: Original Status: NA	Ongoing	Principal; Director Special Education	Purchase orders; IEP
OBJECTIVE 1.7: 100% of Instructional staff will utilize student performance data and curriculum materials that are provided and managed electronically in instructional planning.					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
1.7.1:	Utilize disaggregated data and Benchmark Testing for instructional planning at the classroom level.	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Teachers; Principals; Director of Research and Evaluation; Math Coordinator	ADM Scan; Success Maker reports; TPRI reports
1.7.3:	Acquire/utilize technologies to support MAST (McAllen Assistance Team) team.	State: Original Status: Completed	September 2005	Drug Free Schools/Campus Nurse	Purchase orders for hardware; Student evaluation templates
OBJECTIVE 1.8: Use distance learning and digital content services for expanding curricular offerings and meeting the needs of all students. <i>Budget Amount \$100.00.</i>					

<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
1.8.1:	Utilize videoconferencing equipment to expand curricular offerings.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Principal; Teachers	Distance learning evaluations
1.8.2:	Participate in on-line virtual field trips, interactive curricular CD's and other distance learning or digital content services.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Principal; Teachers	Distance learning evaluations; ERO Certificates; At least 25% of staff will participate
OBJECTIVE 1.9: The campus will increase on-demand access for staff and students to the best available technologies, including digital content in classrooms, libraries, and other appropriate sites. <i>Budget Amount \$200.00</i>					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
1.9.1:	Publish a list of recommended electronic information resources for classrooms on campus websites (such as eChalk).	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Technology Committee	Campus website
1.9.2:	Increase awareness of best available technologies by training staff and students to utilize available technologies and digital content. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulletin Board • eChalk Website • eMail 	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Campus Technology Committee; Librarian	Faculty meetings; campus website
1.9.3:	As funds become available, ensure that the best available technologies are available in the school library and classrooms.	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Principal; Campus Technology Committee	Digital projectors, eInstruction, document readers

OBJECTIVE 1.10: Identify and communicate the best technology practices to the community.						
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>	
1.10.1:	Inform parents of campus best technology practices.	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing;March (Texas Public School Week)	Principal; Campus Technology Committee; Parental Involvement Specialist	Parental Involvement meeting agendas	
OBJECTIVE 1.11: The campus will provide incentives for use of new effective models, tools, and resources for teaching and learning. <i>Budget Amount \$50.00.</i>						
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>	
1.11.1:	As funds are available, provide incentives for students and teachers who use effective models, tools, and resources for teaching and learning with technology. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students: (Planned) Lunch with principal, name on marquee. Recognition through eChalk, campus newsletter and MITV Teachers: Release time 	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Principal; Campus Technology Committee	Publish incentives and awards to teachers and students on campus websites; IT Newsletter: The Server; MITV, etc. Purchase orders; supportive documentation	
OBJECTIVE 1.12: The campus will provide parents and other community members increased access to the infrastructure for educational resources.						
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>	
1.12.1:	Provide access to the Internet for parents at the school library	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Librarian; Parental Involvement Specialist	Yearly Report; Parental Involvement Meeting agendas	
EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT						
GOAL 2: To provide for training of educators in using technology to teach and learn and to use technology to provide equitable access to quality professional development. View details about our staff development program in Appendix E						
OBJECTIVE 2.1: Allocate at least 30 percent of technology allotment and 25 percent of NCLB Title II Part D for professional development. <i>Budget Amount \$50.00</i>						
<i>Strategies</i>			<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
2.1.1:	Ensure that on-going professional development is attended by Campus Technology Facilitators, campus lab managers, Librarians, and Campus		State: Original	Ongoing	Principal	ERO

	Technology Committee members.	Status:Completed			
OBJECTIVE 2.2: 100% of campuses will be encouraged to provide opportunities, incentives, and support for educators to develop model practices in the integration of teaching, learning, and technology.					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
2.2.1:	Recognize educators with articles about the highlights of their accomplishments on the campus eChalk Web Pages.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Principal; Campus Technology Committee	Information on the Campus - eChalk Web Page
OBJECTIVE 2.3: 100% of Instructional Staff will be provided professional development in integrating technology into teaching and learning, instructional management, and administration. <i>Budget Amount \$80.00</i>					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
2.3.1:	Require campus staff and administrators to attend at least 2 hours of professional development sessions in integrating technology into teaching and learning, instructional management, and administration.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Principal; Campus Technology Committee	ERO Transcripts
OBJECTIVE 2.4: 100% of Instructional Staff will be provided training in data examination and analysis through technology to support sound decision-making. <i>Budget Amount \$80.00</i>					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
2.4.1:	Attend training for campus administrators in data examination If offered.	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing (pending funding)	Campus Administrators	ERO transcript
2.4.2:	Encourage teachers to attend training in data examination. If offered.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing (pending funding)	Teachers	ERO transcript
OBJECTIVE 2.5: 100% of campuses will integrate planning for technology professional development into all classrooms, campus, and district planning.					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>

2.5.1:	Integrate technology planning to address educator preparation and development into each teacher's self-report form of the PDAS (professional development section).	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Teachers	Teachers' Lesson Plans; Self-Reports on the PDAS
OBJECTIVE 2.7: Use a variety of professional development models including distributed, just-in-time professional development for all educators. <i>Budget Amount \$50.00.</i>					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
2.7.1:	Inform staff about the variety of multimedia materials (videotapes, CD's, DVD's, etc.) to provide instruction in technology integration and use of software for teachers.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Librarian	Inventory records for McAllen ISD Media Library; Circulation records will show a 10% annual increase.
2.7.2:	Participate in distributed professional development in technology via on-line or distance learning (i.e. TSTAR, TETN, etc.). See 2.6 Element K online courses	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Campus Staff	Course listings; ERO database; Element K transcript
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES					
GOAL 3: To integrate technology into all aspects of the school community, including instruction, instructional management, and administration, and to expand community access to information.					
OBJECTIVE 3.1: 100% of Instructional Staff will be encouraged to integrate technology into instructional management and administration.					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
3.1.1:	Maintain and support a district-wide grade book program.	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Campus Technology Facilitator; Teachers	Computerized grade reporting at grades 2-5.
3.1.2:	Support grade reporting to the district mainframe. (Grades 2-5)	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Teachers, PEIMS Clerk	Vistanet

OBJECTIVE 3.2: Initiate and implement policies regarding Acceptable Use Policies for MISD staff and students.				
<i>Strategies</i>	<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
3.2.1: Enforce the District AUP (Acceptable Use Policy) that has been adopted by the school board.	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Principal	Internet Agreement Forms on file at each campus; training for staff
3.2.2: Maintain and update e-mail addresses for all staff and students to improve communication.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Principal; Campus Technology Facilitator	Updated email address list.
3.2.3: Encourage students to utilize web-based e-mail for educational purposes.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Teachers; Principal; Campus Technology Committee	eChalk Statistics; list of activities; lesson plans
3.2.4: Collect signed AUP forms from MISD staff, students, and others.	State: Original Status: Completed	August/ongoing	Principal Designee	Signed forms
OBJECTIVE 3.3: Expand community access to school information through technology.				
<i>Strategies</i>	<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
3.3.1: Expand the use of eChalk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare students for online learning through the use of discussions, surveys, homework drop box, student portfolios, and email ▪ Ensure at least 90% of eChalk accounts are activated ▪ Ensure a 20% increase in use of student email and total logins ▪ Ensure at least 75% of teachers will post at least one work and event per month ▪ All Parental Involvement Specialists will provide eChalk training for parents 	State: New Status: Planned	Ongoing	Principal; Teachers; Campus Technology Committee; Parental Involvement Specialist	eChalk Statistics

OBJECTIVE 3.4: Establish policies to encourage expanded use of school facilities. <i>Budget Amount \$300.00</i>				
<i>Strategies</i>	<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
3.4.1: Arrange to open school facilities, as budgets permit, during afternoons, and/or Saturday hours to encourage the following: · Use of library media center; Use of computers; Use of computer labs; Use of tutoring	State: Original Status: Completed	2005-2006	Principal; Librarian; Teachers; Computer Lab Specialist	Sign-in sheets to document attendance
OBJECTIVE 3.5: Increased coordination of school and community resources for technology. <i>Budget Amount \$30.00.</i>				
<i>Strategies</i>	<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
3.5.1: Contact staff from South Texas College and the University of Texas Pan American to gain technical expertise and to increase resources.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Principal; Technology Committee and Librarian	Sign-in sheets, phone records
3.5.2: Have business representatives speak to classes throughout the campus to convey how they use technology in their jobs.	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Principal; Counselor; Technology Committee	Teachers' lesson plans; Career Fair May 2006
GOAL 4: To establish, maintain and update an infrastructure for technology throughout the campus.				
OBJECTIVE 4.1: Meet the technology equipment targets for students adopted in the Long Range Plan for Technology of a workstation ratio of 4:1 for 2004-2005. <i>Budget Amount \$30.00</i>				
<i>Strategies</i>	<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
4.1.1: Determine the present student-to-workstation ratio for the campus.	State: Original Status: Completed	August	Librarian; Campus Technology Committee	Inventory of computers and membership count
4.1.2: Determine the workstation needs for each campus for meeting the required ratio of 3:1.	State: Original Status: Completed	August	Librarian; Campus Technology Committee	Inventory of computers and membership count
4.1.3: Investigate ways to seek alternative funding for technology on campus.	State: Original	Ongoing	Principal; Librarian; Campus Technology Committee	El Paso Corporation – donated 15 computers

		Status: Completed			
4.1.4:	Develop a schedule and budget for purchase of new hardware and software.	State: Original Status: Completed	August	SBSDM Team; Principal; Campus Technology Committee	Schedule of items to be purchased; Budget
4.1.4:	Purchase hardware and software for classrooms. Pending budget funds. (Approval by district Technology Department required)	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Principal; SBSDM Team; Campus Technology Committee;	Purchase orders
OBJECTIVE 4.2: Investigate multiple financial arrangements for securing and maintaining workstations, infrastructure and other technologies.					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
4.2.1:	Create the development of a grant writing team that is trained in grant writing techniques in preparation for grant opportunities in the area of technology.	State: Original Status: Completed	As needed	Principal; Campus Technology Committee	List of grant writing team members for each campus.
4.2.2:	Apply for campus/teacher technology grants as they become available.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Campus Technology Committee	Technology grants submitted for approval
OBJECTIVE 4.3: Increased access to appropriately configured workstations for students and staff in libraries, school offices, and in other work areas, ensuring accessibility for disabled students and staff. <i>Budget Amount \$50.00</i>					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
4.3.1:	Determine the number of computers available in library and school office.	State: Original Status: Planned	May	Campus Technology Committee	Inventory of computers in library and school office
4.3.2:	Ensure accessibility for disabled students and staff.	State: Original Status: Completed	September	Director Special Education; Campus Technology Committee	Responses to campus and other requests
4.3.3:	Prepare a plan to augment the availability of computers in the campus library and offices. Pending campus budget.	State: Original Status:	Ongoing	Campus Technology Committee	Campus Technology Plan

		Planned			
OBJECTIVE 4.4: 100% of all campuses will integrate planning for the district technology infrastructure into all classrooms, libraries, campus and district planning.					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
4.4.1:	Address technology infrastructure. ❖ Ram upgrade	State: Original Status: Planned	April	Principal; SBSDM Team; Campus Technology Committee	Campus Improvement Plan; Report of recommendations
OBJECTIVE 4.6: Increased high speed access to the Internet for students and staff. <i>Budget Amount \$50.00.</i>					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
4.6.1:	Develop a plan to implement network management tools.	State: Original Status: Completed	Fall	Campus Technology Committee; Principal; District Technology Department	Network Management Plan; Computer Associates
OBJECTIVE 4.9: 100% of Instructional Staff will be encouraged to participate in the comprehensive state technology system.					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
4.9.2:	Publicize and provide training in utilization of library resource-sharing programs and initiatives such as interlibrary loan, online information databases and electronic reference materials.	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Librarian	Usage records Groiler and United Streaming
OBJECTIVE 4.10: Design, install, and maintain a technology and telecommunications infrastructure for communications and service to ensure equitable access for all campuses and the community.					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
4.10.3:	Support, maintain, and upgrade campus networks.	State: Original Status: Planned	Ongoing	Principal; Campus Technology Committee	Operational networks; eChalk
OBJECTIVE 4.11: Replace or reposition obsolete technology and infrastructure on a scheduled basis to ensure maximum efficiency and use. <i>Budget Amount \$20.00</i>					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
4.11.3:	Maintain and update a list and location of all campus hardware so	State: Original	Ongoing	Librarian	Campus Hardware Inventory

	plans can be made to recycle or replace obsolete equipment.	Status: Completed			
OBJECTIVE 4.12: Provide and maintain an infrastructure for communications with parents and community members, including access to school news, educational resources, data, and personnel.					
<i>Strategies</i>		<i>State/Status:</i>	<i>Timeline:</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible:</i>	<i>Evidence:</i>
4.12.2:	Continue the eChalk program for parents to access homework information.	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Principal; Teachers	e-Chalk content updated.
4.12.4:	Continue to post attendance and grading information from campus computers to Information Systems, via the Internet.	State: Original Status: Completed	Ongoing	Teachers	VistaNet system in place

Evaluation

Evaluation Process:

Evaluation of the Technology Plan will be a systematic ongoing process. All aspects of the Plan will be evaluated in May.

The Technology Plan Committee will be responsible for the ongoing evaluation of this plan. The intention of the evaluation will be to make decisions on the impact that technology has on the learning process for all students.

Evaluation Methods:

Other methods used for evaluation will include:

- Texas Teacher STaR Chart; Campus STaR Chart
- Informal interviews conducted by the Campus Technology Committee
- Records of staff member participation in technology training.
- Integration of training into the classroom as measured by lesson plans and number and type of technology and distance learning projects.
- Monitoring and documentation of community access to technology resources and information on the campuses and on the web site.
- Monitoring and documentation of community involvement
- Yearly inventory of hardware and software
- Support and maintenance of technology as documented by technical support records
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Appendix

Campus Average for Teacher STAAR Chart

Campus Code: 108906110

Name: THIGPEN ELEMENTARY

Teachers Having Completed STAAR Charts: 20 of 21

Point Value: 1 = Early Tech, 2 = Developing Tech, 3 = Advanced Tech, 4 = Target Tech

I. Teaching and Learning

A: Teacher Use of Technology in Instruction	B: Productive Use of Technology for Instructional Purposes	C: Design of Instructional Setting for Student Use of Technology	D: Content Area Connections	E: Integration of Technology Applications TEKS	F: Patterns of Student Use
Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing

**Score: 12
(DEVELOPING)**

Point Ranges: 6-8 = Early; 9-14 = Developing; 15-20 = Advanced; 21-24 = Target

II. Educator Preparation

G: Professional Development Experience	H: Technology Capabilities	I: Technology Leadership Mentoring and Modeling	J: Continuum of Professional Development Models	K: Levels of Understanding	L: Technology Professional Development
Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing

**Score: 12
(DEVELOPING)**

Point Ranges: 6-8 = Early; 9-14 = Developing; 15-20 = Advanced; 21-24 = Target

III. Administration and Support

M: Technology Vision and Planning	N: Technical Support	O: Instructional Technology Resources (Staff/Online)	P: Budget	Q: Classroom Technology
Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Developing	Advanced

**Score: 14
(ADVANCED)**

Point Ranges: 5-7 = Early; 8-12 = Developing; 13-17 = Advanced; 18-20 = Target

IV. Infrastructure for Technology

R: Students per Computer in Classroom	S: Internet Access Connectivity/Speed in the Classroom	T: Distance Learning Opportunities	U: LAN/WAN Access	V: Other Technologies
Developing	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Developing

**Score: 13
(ADVANCED)**

Point Ranges: 5-7 = Early; 8-12 = Developing; 13-17 = Advanced; 18-20 = Target

Campus STaR Chart

Campus Code: 108906110 **Principal:** elva deleon
Name: THIGPEN ELEMENTARY **School Year:** 2005
Date Completed: 12/5/2005

Point Value: 1 = Early Tech, 2 = Developing Tech, 3 = Advanced Tech, 4 = Target Tech

I. Teaching and Learning

A: The Impact of Technology on Teacher Role and Collaborative Learning	B: Patterns of Teacher Use	C: Frequency/Design of Instructional Setting Using Digital Content	D: Curriculum Areas	E: Technology Applications TEKS Assessment	F: Patterns of Student Use
Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing

Score: 12 (DEVELOPING) **Point Ranges:** 6-8 = Early; 9-14 = Developing; 15-20 = Advanced; 21-24 = Target

II. Educator Preparation

G: Content of Training	H: Capability of Educators	I: Leadership and Capabilities of Administrators	J: Models of Professional Development	K: Levels of Understanding and Patterns of Use	L: Technology Budget Allocated to Technology Professional Development
Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing

Score: 12 (DEVELOPING) **Point Ranges:** 6-8 = Early; 9-14 = Developing; 15-20 = Advanced; 21-24 = Target

III. Administration and Support

M: Vision and Planning	N: Technical Support	O: Instructional and Administrative Staffing	P: Budget	Q: Funding
Developing	Advanced	Developing	Advanced	Advanced

Score: 13 (ADVANCED) **Point Ranges:** 5-7 = Early; 8-12 = Developing; 13-17 = Advanced; 18-20 = Target

IV. Infrastructure for Technology

R: Students per Computer	S: Internet Access Connectivity/Speed	T: Distance Learning	U: LAN/WAN	V: Other Technologies
Early	Advanced	Developing	Developing	Developing

Score: 10 (DEVELOPING) **Point Ranges:** 5-7 = Early; 8-12 = Developing; 13-17 = Advanced; 18-20 = Target