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Digital-age teachers perform and model the National Educational Technology Standards for Students (NETS•S) as they design, implement, and assess learning experiences to improve student learning and engagement; enrich professional practice; and provide positive models for students, colleagues, and the community. All teachers should be prepared to meet the following standards and performance indicators. Teachers:

1. Facilitate and Inspire Student Learning and Creativity

Teachers use their knowledge of teaching, learning, and technology to facilitate learning experiences that advance student creativity and innovation in both face-to-face and virtual environments. Teachers:

- a. promote, support, and model creative and innovative thinking and inventiveness
- b. engage students in exploring real-world issues and solving authentic problems using digital tools and resources
- c. promote student reflection using collaborative tools to illuminate their own thinking, planning, and creative processes
- d. model knowledge construction and creative thinking by engaging in face-to-face and virtual learning with students, colleagues, and others

2. Design Digital-Age Learning Experiences and Assessments

Teachers plan and design authentic learning experiences and assessments incorporating contemporary tools and resources to maximize content learning in context and to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes identified in the NETS•S. Teachers:

- a. design or adapt relevant learning experiences to incorporate digital tools and resources that promote student learning and creativity
- b. develop technology-enriched learning environments that enable students to become active participants in setting their own educational goals, managing their own learning, and assessing their own progress
- c. customize and personalize student learning activities to address a variety of learning styles, working strategies, and abilities through the use of digital tools and resources
- d. provide students with multiple and varied formative and summative assessments aligned with content and technology standards and use resulting data to inform learning and teaching

3. Model Digital-Age Work and Learning

Teachers exhibit knowledge, skills, and work processes that are representative of an innovative professional in a global and digital society. Teachers:

- a. demonstrate fluency in the application of technology systems and the transfer of current knowledge to learning of new technologies
- b. collaborate with students, peers, parents, and community members using digital tools and resources to support student success and innovation
- c. communicate relevant information and ideas effectively to students, parents, and peers using a variety of digital-age media and formats
- d. model and facilitate effective use of current and emerging digital tools to locate, analyze, evaluate, and use information resources to support research and learning

4. Promote Digital Citizenship and Responsibility

Teachers understand local and global societal issues and responsibilities in an evolving digital culture and exhibit legal and ethical behavior in their professional practices. Teachers:

- a. advocate, model, and teach safe, legal, and ethical use of digital information and technology, including respect for copyright and the appropriate documentation of sources
- b. address the diverse needs of all learners by using learner-centered strategies and providing access to appropriate digital tools and resources
- c. promote digital etiquette and responsible social interactions related to the use of technology and information
- d. develop and model cultural understanding and global awareness by engaging with colleagues and students of other cultures using digital age communication and collaboration tools

5. Engage in Professional Growth and Leadership

Teachers continuously improve their professional practice and exhibit leadership in their classroom, school, and professional community by promoting and demonstrating the effective use of digital tools and resources. Teachers:

- a. participate in local and global learning communities to explore creative applications of technology to improve student learning
- b. exhibit leadership by embracing a vision of technology infusion, participating in shared decision-making and community building, and developing the leadership skills of others
- c. evaluate and reflect on current research and professional practice on a regular basis to make effective use of existing and emerging digital tools and resources in support of student learning
- d. contribute to the effectiveness, vibrancy, and self-renewal of the teaching profession and of their school and community