

Smart Schools Investment Plan



Tupper Lake Central
School District

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Smart Schools Investment Plan Overview

The Smart Schools Bond Act was passed in 2014 by a statewide referendum. The Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) supports educational technology and infrastructure to improve teaching and learning. It focuses on four main areas of funds: construct or modernize educational facilities for pre-kindergarteners, install high-speed broadband or wireless, install high-tech security features and acquire technology equipment.

All District plans approved by the school board and submitted to the New York State Education Department must meet the required elements including demonstrating students' needs, minimal speed requirements for internet connectivity, professional development, technical support, and sustainability. As part of the process, districts are required to submit a District Instructional Technology Plan survey in compliance with the Education Law and Commissioner's Regulation. The Instructional Technology Plan survey outlines the current and future plans of the district as it relates to infrastructure, devices, staffing, and professional development to improve teaching and learning. The Instructional Technology plan was approved by New York State Education Department on June 14, 2022.

This current draft was presented to the school board on January 12, 2026 for approval. Now that preliminary plan has been approved by the school board, it will be posted on the district website and a public hearing will be conducted to enable stakeholders to respond to the preliminary plan. After the hearing, the district will prepare a final plan for school board approval. The approved plan will be submitted to the New York State Education Department and will be posted on the district website. The planning process will include consultation with parents, teachers, students, community members, any non-public schools located in the district, and other stakeholders.

The district has been allocated \$799,842. At this time the district is seeking approval of \$799,500 in the budget categories outlined below.

Budget Category	Tupper Lake Central School District Sub-allocation	Non-Public School Sub-Allocations
School Connectivity		
Classroom Technology	\$799,500	
High-Tech Security		
Unallocated Funds	\$342	

Classroom Technology

The Tupper Lake Central School District wants to ensure that it can support all its students, teachers and administrators with a robust, reliable, and current devices to support learning and professional development both within the District and out to the global Internet. The District wants to use the Smart Schools Bond funds to re-establish our device fleets to support student learning and professional development for staff.

Use of Funds for Classroom Technology

Critical to re-establishing our fleets are three key capabilities:

- 1) Supply each instructional space with a 75" Interactive Touch Panel on a wheeled cart with WiFi add-on to support flexible learning spaces;
- 2) Refresh our student Chromebook and iPad fleets to support Instructional Technology Learning Opportunities for students;
- 3) Refresh our classroom desktop computers so teachers can take advantage of the high-speed Ethernet we have available in the district to use instructional time wisely and enhance learning for our students.

Robust Network

The District wants to ensure all teachers and students have wireless access when they need it. To this end, the District closely monitors and manages network traffic to ensure high throughput. In order to meet usage demands with the appropriate level of wireless access, every classroom has at one Aruba WAP and larger instructional spaces are outfitted with multiple Aruba WAPS.

District Instructional Technology Plan

The Smart Schools Bond investment will allow us to expand learning opportunities for all our students beyond the four walls of a school building. This funding is directly linked to and supports our District Instructional Technology Plan. Some of the major initiatives in our Technology Plan are:

- 1) **Technology Hubs** - Incorporate "technology hubs" in every instructional space, with flexibility, that will facilitate the creation of learning environments that are responsive to changing student needs.
- 2) **Staff Professional Development** - Re-freshing our classroom technologies will allow us to annually plan and provide professional development that will ensure that educators and leaders are proficient in the integration of instructional technologies.
- 3) **Instructional Technology Accessibility** - By upgrading classrooms with new Interactive Touch Panels on wheels with Wifi and newer, more modern desktop computers, new Chromebooks and iPads, we will be able to improve learning for all students in a Universal Design for Learning (UDL) model. Access to these devices will dramatically improve student access to technology and digital resources, as well as prepare them to become 21st Century Citizens. Additionally, since each device's accessibility settings can be customized for every learner, students' learning needs can be met more robustly.