Computer and Network Replacement Policy

Smackover Public Schools provides many and various information technology resources for use by the staff and students to support its educational mission. Due to rapid advances in technology these resources must be constantly updated and/or replaced. This policy applies to all computer hardware, data, software, and all computer network components.

Replacement Cycle

Technology has become an essential means of conducting school business. Computer equipment is basic to the effective execution of duties of school staff in all areas of service and to faculty and students for accessing current information or materials not owned locally. Smackover Public School plans to replace or upgrade computer equipment on a schedule in keeping with the best practices of industry, currently every three to five years. In addition the following criteria will be taken into account when deciding to replace computers: (1) use, (2) performance (3) quality of construction,, (4) update ability, and (5) cost effectiveness.

With increases in system requirements there is a need to plan for the eventual replacement of computer equipment. With this in mind, the lifespan of a computer can be extended by the rapid shifting of computers from one function to another by using more powerful computers in higher technological environments and limited computers in limited technological environments. As new computers are purchased, the older computers will be moved to more limited use or applications.

Designation of Categories or Levels of Computer Uses

Administrative Computers: These would be computers used by the administration/faculty for accessing APSCN, SEAS, GradeQuick, Edline, etc.

Networked Student Use Computers: These would be computers attached to the network with internet access for accessing Plato, ALS, EBSCO, GALE, etc.

Stand Alone Student Use Computers: These would be computers **<u>NOT</u>** attached to the network for use with specific teacher designated software programs.

Plan for Disposal of Outdated Computers

Students that demonstrate a need for a home computer will be given outdated computers as they become available. Computers not given to students will be offered for sale via silent bids. Computers not sold during the silent auction will be disposed of in keeping with state law.