

# CPM's Technology Tips

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## How is Technology (Finally) Catching Up with the Classroom?

Just ten years ago, the “future goal” of education was to have a 1:1 ratio of student-to-computer in the classroom. However, the cost of the infrastructure has proven to be prohibitive for the majority of School Districts, and the rapid advancement in technology would render those computers out of date almost as soon as they were being installed. With the advent of handheld computers and readers, technologically advanced devices can now be put into the hands of the teachers and students via wireless connectivity at considerably more affordable cost to the School Districts than was the case just a few years ago. Forward thinking Districts are fundamentally changing the old vernacular of “future proofing” into “future focusing” with regard to technology planning and implementation. CPM has been assisting Districts with discussions that consider all aspects of a new focus: infrastructure opportunities using wireless connectivity; effective changes to the prototypical classroom design/configuration; curriculum and lesson plan delivery; managing sustainability and supportability; as well as the challenges of policy and procedure with students using smaller, hand-held form factors.