

Smart Schools Bond Act

Investment Plan Draft for Classroom Learning Technology: Salem CSD





What is the SSBA?

The purpose of the Smart Schools Bond Act is to improve learning and opportunity for public and nonpublic school students by funding capital projects to:

1. Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools and communities.
2. Acquire learning technology equipment for facilities, including but not limited to interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptop, and tablet computers.
3. Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate prekindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers.
4. Install high-tech security features in school buildings and on school campuses, including but not limited to video surveillance, emergency notification systems, and physical access controls.



What are the focus areas for the SSBA?

- Community & school connectivity
- Pre-K & mobile classrooms
- High-tech security
- Classroom technology/devices



SSBA Process Implementation:

1. Allocation - \$621,530
2. Instructional Technology Plans - submitted/ revised annually
3. Stakeholder engagement /identify district needs - projects may be completed in phases
4. Two possible paths:
 - a. Capital planning - projects follow standard process or
 - b. Stand-alone does not require voter approval
5. Plan draft -post on website for community input
6. Board plan approval
7. Plan submission
8. Review
9. Approval
10. Expenditure and Reimbursement of Funds

[SSBA FAQ](#)

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The proposed initiatives align with the following district/state technology plan goals:

- Provide seamless, equitable access to technology & resources for staff and students
- Improve student engagement & achievement through technology integration
- Provide technology-enhanced learning environments to support improved teaching and learning

Based on our technology needs assessment, we plan on purchasing

200 chromebooks with charging stations, 46 instructional classroom displays, and one server.

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Technology can be a powerful vehicle for student engagement and learning which is particularly important for students who are struggling. Using technology tools and resources, teachers are able to

- Personalize learning,
- Differentiate content and pedagogical approaches
- Extend learning beyond the classroom
- Create authentic learning experiences
- Connect students to resources that enhance learning opportunities

Classroom Learning Technology

Instructional displays with mounts (\$96,000) Chromebooks with Charging Stations (\$73,500) Server (\$40,000)



The district has spent the past few years investigating various technologies to use in the classroom that would benefit teacher instruction and student learning in a cost-effective manner. (e.g. Epson smart projectors)

As a result of the input from teachers, instructional display technology and dedicated classroom Chromebooks have proven to be the optimal choices for daily use. In addition, the costs of these technologies have decreased during our investigation, making them the better district investment in technology.

Next Steps:

- The plan will be posted on the website for 30 days to receive community feedback.
- The Smart Bond Committee will meet to review community feedback.
- This plan will go to the board for review/approval.

Total Cost will be an estimated \$209,200