

Southern Plains Technology

Tech Purchases and Support

1. For special education staff working for member districts:

Member Districts	Southern Plains
Provide technology to complete teacher requirements (due process, instruction, complete reporting requirements, etc.) This must be at least to the same level of technology as other teachers within the district.	
Provide phone use to meet job demands.	
Provide technology to meet the needs of students including accommodations and modifications.	Requests can be made for funds for high-cost students . This will be on a case-by-case depending on availability of federal funds.

2. For Southern Plains staff working in member districts:

Member Districts	Southern Plains
	Provide technology to meet teacher requirements
Provide phone use as necessary when the individual is in that building (not necessarily their own phone).	Provide cell phone if needed due to significant itinerancy or safety.
	Provide unusual technology needs for unique nature of the position (i.e. document cameras, scanners, etc)
Provide technology support for staff when they are in that building (i.e. access to servers, copiers, etc)	Southern Plains will provide Microsoft licenses or similar licenses for these computers
“Primary” technology support will be given by the district in which the staff member works the majority of the time.	

Exceptions to this include:

- i. USC had purchased computers for PT and OT staff that previously worked for the prior cooperative. Southern Plains will purchase replacements.
- ii. Southern Plains had purchased computers for speech and language pathologists and teachers working in Fairmont full-time (Kelly, Kris, Annie, Darla, Todd). Fairmont will purchase when technology devices need replacements.

3. Technology related expenses (copiers, laminators, etc):
 - a. Itinerant staff are encouraged to do as much “preparation” for students within the member district in which the student is served as much as possible.
 - b. Districts should provide copiers, laminator use, etc for the itinerant staff to meet these student needs.

Attachments Explained

1. SPEC Tech
 - a. This is a list of the Southern Plains staff (not including paraprofessionals or other staff with minimal technology needs); the district or agent providing tech support; and the percentage of time each person spends servicing students from each district.
 - b. Contracts:
 - i. “F-Contract” is a contract to the Southern Plains office by Fairmont Area.
 - ii. “Zac” is a contract with Freshly Cut Media.
2. Tech Inventory
 - a. This is a list of technology that is located within each building.
 - b. Note that inventory is one of the pieces that has not been kept up to date with recent personnel cuts and changes at the Southern Plains office. This was the best available.

Technology Support Changes 2016-17

1. Previously Southern Plains contracted for technology support from Fairmont Area for ECSE services. Since the member districts will now be claiming these services and staff work in multiple buildings, this technology support is no longer necessary.
2. Stephanie Andersen will start receiving technology support from MCW. Previously this support was provided by Fairmont Area. However, in 2015-16 she went to full-time and added as significant amount of time at MCW.
3. An analysis was completed to determine what students the staff are servicing what percentage of the time (see attached “Spec Tech”). It was determined that the districts service generally the same number of staff as there are within their district.
4. It was never very clear who should hire which staff, which led to confusion as to who purchased technology, etc...in September of 2015 the Superintendent Advisory reviewed a list of services provided by Southern Plains. At that time it was decided that the member districts would hire speech and language pathologists if they worked in their district full-time. As a result, when the full-time SLPs working in Fairmont (Annie Vaske, Kris Weber, and Kelly Grupe) need new tech equipment – those will be purchased by Fairmont.