

Have you shown the new DVD, A Matter of Trust, to the council/committee?

No

2. School's identified most critical need(s) addressed in this plan:

Please check only the primary area(s). Improvement in some academic areas may improve all other academic areas but if the goal is to improve reading or technology, only check that area.

Technology

3. Briefly describe the School LAND Trust Plan.

Academic Goals:

Enter specific academic goal(s) Salt Lake Arts Academy has set to improve student performance with School LAND Trust money, please do not include other funding sources.

We will need to update our technology in order to allow our students more consistent and reliable

use of computer based learning. Our facility does not have room for a lab, so we are dependent

upon

laptops. Students are asked to use technology for research, composition, multi-media presentations,

and artistic applications. Our current 36 laptops are 4 and 5 years old. Now with Computer Based

Testing being required for all CRT's, it will be essential that our equipment is upgraded.

Planned Steps:

Describe in detail the steps Salt Lake Arts Academy will take to reach each goal.

Describe specific actions (Hire a remediation reading teacher, purchase microscopes for AP Biology class, provide professional development to improve writing instruction) that will be taken to achieve the goal. In short, please provide a road map to success.

We will identify our oldest laptops for replacement.

We will develop a schedule for use of our portable computer lab to insure that students have

frequent access to technology.

We will teach incoming 5th graders how to "navigate" the Mac, the platform we use throughout the school.

Students will be asked to compose and create projects that utilize multi-media and research

functions throughout the curriculum.

Measuring Progress toward goals:

Which beginning and ending measurements is Salt Lake Arts Academy going to use to measure progress towards each goal? The same measurement (test scores, number of library books checked out, informal teaching assessment, etc) must be used so results can be compared. What is the target to be achieved?

We will identify the specific understanding and skills that we expect 5th grade students to attain by the end of their 5th grade year. They will be pre-assessed on their technological literacy at the beginning of the school year. This will provide a reference point to guide instruction.

Humanities, science and math classes will require students to use computers to demonstrate understanding of course skills and content. Student work will provide an assessment of computer acumen as well as mastery of curriculum.

Plans for expenditures of increased distribution:
The 2008 - 2009 distribution is an estimate. If the actual distribution is more than the estimate, how will the school expand progress towards goals with an increased distribution? Please provide an adequate explanation of academic use so that it will not be necessary to go back to the school board for approval to expend an increased distribution.

We would like to use this as a match for additional grants. Our goal is to replace at least 25 old laptops with new Macbook computers.

4. How does this plan relate to the school improvement/strategic plan?

Upgrading our technology is at the top of our school improvement plan. We have identified this as a critical need for our school.