

## EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

**NRS 388.780 Definitions.** As used in [NRS 388.780](#) to [388.805](#), inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in [NRS 388.785](#) and [388.787](#) have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

(Added to NRS by 1997, 1770)

**NRS 388.785 “Commission” defined.** “Commission” means the Commission on Educational Technology created pursuant to [NRS 388.790](#).

(Added to NRS by 1997, 1770)

**NRS 388.787 “Committee” defined.** “Committee” means the Legislative Committee on Education created pursuant to [NRS 218.5352](#).

(Added to NRS by 1997, 1770)

**NRS 388.790 Commission on Educational Technology: Creation; membership; terms; removal and vacancy; quarterly meetings required; compensation.**

1. The Commission on Educational Technology, consisting of 2 members who serve ex officio and 11 members who are appointed, is hereby created. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the Department of Information Technology shall serve ex officio as nonvoting members of the Commission.

2. The Governor shall appoint the following voting members to the Commission, at least two of whom must reside in a county whose population is less than 100,000:

(a) One administrator in a public school who possesses knowledge and experience in the general application of technology;

(b) One school teacher in a public elementary school who possesses knowledge and experience in the use of educational technology in the public schools;

(c) One school teacher in a public secondary school who possesses knowledge and experience in the use of educational technology in the public schools;

(d) One representative of public libraries who possesses knowledge and experience in the general application of technology;

(e) One representative of the Nevada System of Higher Education who possesses knowledge and experience in the use of educational technology in institutions of higher education;

(f) One representative of the private sector who possesses knowledge and experience in the use of technology; and

(g) One parent or legal guardian who possesses knowledge and experience in the general application of technology.

3. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint two voting members to the Commission:

(a) One of whom is a member of the Senate; and

(b) One of whom is employed in the field of technology.

4. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint two voting members to the Commission:

(a) One of whom is a member of the Assembly; and

(b) One of whom is employed in the field of technology.

5. The Governor shall appoint a Chairman among the voting members of the Commission.

6. After the initial terms, the term of each member of the Commission is 2 years, commencing on January 1 of the year he is appointed and expiring on December 31 of the immediately following year. A member shall continue to serve on the Commission until his successor is appointed. Upon the expiration of a term of a member, he may be reappointed if he still possesses any requisite qualifications for appointment. There is no limit on the number of terms that a member may serve.

7. The person or entity who appoints a member to the Commission may remove that member if the member neglects his duty or commits malfeasance in office, or for other just cause. Any vacancy in the membership of the Commission must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

8. The Commission shall hold at least four regular meetings each year and may hold special meetings at the call of the Chairman.

9. Members of the Commission who are not Legislators serve without compensation, except that for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Commission attends a meeting of the Commission or is otherwise

engaged in the business of the Commission, he is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

10. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Commission who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the Commission or is otherwise engaged in the work of the Commission, except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, he is entitled to receive the:

(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session;

(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and

(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to [NRS 218.2207](#).

↪ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of the legislative members of the Commission must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

(Added to NRS by 1997, 1770; A [1999, 476](#); [2003, 814](#))

**NRS 388.795 Commission on Educational Technology: Duties; plan for use of educational technology; administrative support by Department; assessment of needs of school districts; advisory committee authorized.**

1. The Commission shall establish a plan for the use of educational technology in the public schools of this State. In preparing the plan, the Commission shall consider:

(a) Plans that have been adopted by the Department and the school districts in this State;

(b) Plans that have been adopted in other states;

(c) The information reported pursuant to paragraph (t) of subsection 2 of [NRS 385.347](#);

(d) The results of the assessment of needs conducted pursuant to subsection 6; and

(e) Any other information that the Commission or the Committee deems relevant to the preparation of the plan.

2. The plan established by the Commission must include recommendations for methods to:

(a) Incorporate educational technology into the public schools of this State;

(b) Increase the number of pupils in the public schools of this State who have access to educational technology;

(c) Increase the availability of educational technology to assist licensed teachers and other educational personnel in complying with the requirements of continuing education, including, without limitation, the receipt of credit for college courses completed through the use of educational technology;

(d) Facilitate the exchange of ideas to improve the achievement of pupils who are enrolled in the public schools of this State; and

(e) Address the needs of teachers in incorporating the use of educational technology in the classroom, including, without limitation, the completion of training that is sufficient to enable the teachers to instruct pupils in the use of educational technology.

3. The Department shall provide:

(a) Administrative support;

(b) Equipment; and

(c) Office space,

↪ as is necessary for the Commission to carry out the provisions of this section.

4. The following entities shall cooperate with the Commission in carrying out the provisions of this section:

(a) The State Board.

(b) The board of trustees of each school district.

(c) The superintendent of schools of each school district.

(d) The Department.

5. The Commission shall:

(a) Develop technical standards for educational technology and any electrical or structural appurtenances necessary thereto, including, without limitation, uniform specifications for computer hardware and wiring, to ensure that such technology is compatible, uniform and can be interconnected throughout the public schools of this State.

(b) Allocate money to the school districts from the Trust Fund for Educational Technology created pursuant to [NRS 388.800](#) and any money appropriated by the Legislature for educational technology, subject to any priorities for such allocation established by the Legislature.

(c) Establish criteria for the board of trustees of a school district that receives an allocation of money from the Commission to:

(1) Repair, replace and maintain computer systems.

(2) Upgrade and improve computer hardware and software and other educational technology.

(3) Provide training, installation and technical support related to the use of educational technology within the district.

(d) Submit to the Governor, the Committee and the Department its plan for the use of educational technology in the public schools of this State and any recommendations for legislation.

(e) Review the plan annually and make revisions as it deems necessary or as directed by the Committee or the Department.

(f) In addition to the recommendations set forth in the plan pursuant to subsection 2, make further recommendations to the Committee and the Department as the Commission deems necessary.

6. During the spring semester of each even-numbered school year, the Commission shall conduct an assessment of the needs of each school district relating to educational technology. In conducting the assessment, the Commission shall consider:

(a) The recommendations set forth in the plan pursuant to subsection 2;

(b) The plan for educational technology of each school district, if applicable;

(c) Evaluations of educational technology conducted for the State or for a school district, if applicable; and

(d) Any other information deemed relevant by the Commission.

↳ The Commission shall submit a final written report of the assessment to the Superintendent of Public Instruction on or before April 1 of each even-numbered year.

7. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall prepare a written compilation of the results of the assessment conducted by the Commission and transmit the written compilation on or before June 1 of each even-numbered year to the Legislative Committee on Education and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the next regular session of the Legislature.

8. The Commission may appoint an advisory committee composed of members of the Commission or other qualified persons to provide recommendations to the Commission regarding standards for the establishment, coordination and use of a telecommunications network in the public schools throughout the various school districts in this State. The advisory committee serves at the pleasure of the Commission and without compensation unless an appropriation or other money for that purpose is provided by the Legislature.

9. As used in this section, "public school" includes the Caliente Youth Center, the Nevada Youth Training Center and any other state facility for the detention of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS.

(Added to NRS by 1997, 1771; A [1999, 1199](#); [2003, 1139](#); [2003, 19th Special Session, 50](#); [2005, 1177](#); [2007, 1961](#))

**NRS 388.800 Trust Fund for Educational Technology: Creation; administration; interest and income; use of money in Fund.**

1. The Trust Fund for Educational Technology is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Trust Fund must be administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Superintendent may accept gifts and grants of money from any source for deposit in the Trust Fund. Any such money may be expended in accordance with the terms and conditions of the gift or grant, or in accordance with subsection 3.

2. The interest and income earned on the money in the Trust Fund must be credited to the Trust Fund.

3. The money in the Trust Fund may be used only for the distribution of money to school districts to be used in kindergarten through 12th grade to obtain and maintain hardware and software for computer systems, equipment for transfer of data by modem through connection to telephone lines, and other educational technology as may be approved by the Commission for use in classrooms.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 1457; A 1997, 1774)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 393.163)

**NRS 388.805 Trust Fund for Educational Technology: Program for school districts to apply for money from Fund.** The Department shall, in consultation with the Commission, adopt regulations that establish a program whereby school districts may apply to the Commission on Educational Technology for money from the Trust Fund for Educational Technology.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 1457; A 1997, 1774)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 393.165)