

Section IV: Vision Statement

Mattoon District's original Vision was developed through a series of surveys, feedback and planning meetings. Once adopted by the stakeholders, the statement provided direction and purpose for Mattoon School District.

As part of its ongoing evaluation process and analysis of current realities, Mattoon District decided to review the original vision statement of its technology plan. Over the course of three meetings with administrators, teachers and other stakeholder representatives, a revised Vision Statement reflecting the current and future needs of students was developed. The following vision statement has been adopted as of April 5, 2005:

Mattoon Community Unit #2 is preparing students for a technologically oriented 21st Century environment wherein our students solve problems, understand complex terminology, communicate clearly, interpret massive amounts of ever-changing information, and use appropriate problem-solving techniques.

The Mattoon District Vision Statement will be supported in the following ways

- Train teachers and paraprofessionals through comprehensive, long-term staff development to increase best teaching practices. This training will focus on embedded professional development practices and will tie to goals set in school improvement plans.
- Purchase technology and software that allows “anywhere anytime” learning for students that can help improve individual achievement and problem solving skills.
- Involve community members in assessing and improving technology opportunities for our children.
- Work with Curriculum Department during curriculum revision process to include technology standards for students and the Illinois Learning Standards into daily classroom practices.
- Train administrators to become aware and proficient in technology standards and practices to effectively support technology in the classroom.

Through leadership, Mattoon Community Unit #2 will provide technology and training to implement, integrate, maintain and deploy a technology plan that enables our population to excel in a technological and information driven society.