ISTE’s 10 Tips for Leveraging Technology, Coaching, and Community

*Where do you begin to develop a transformational learning ecosystem? ISTE offers 10 tips for getting underway in building a transformational PD model inclusive of technology, coaching, and community. Meet with a valued group of stakeholders within your building or school district to see how your current offerings or PD models compare.*

1. **Learning with Technology Is More Important than Learning about technology**

Technology should be used to increase skills and expand or enhance learning across all skills and subject areas.

**2. Relevance Wins**

Adult learners learn best when knowledge is relevant. Position your program as an opportunity for teachers to improve their craft based upon their own needs and interests.

**3. Keep Millennials in Mind**

Develop a millennial point of view. Give younger teachers learning opportunities that meet their learning styles: collaborative, online, and technology-driven.

**4. Relationships Matter**

Allow coaches to build trust one teacher at a time. Your collaborative, technology-rich coaching presence should be perceived as a personal trainer, not an unwelcomed monitor.

**5. Be Inclusive**

Don’t work on your own. Tap into your school or district’s PD agenda when developing your technology coaching plan.

**6. Trust the Process**

Implementation dips are likely to occur, yet sticking with a long-term plan that allows for iterative improvement over time yields stronger results than one-off skill-building events.

**7. Share Your Progress**

One of the key indicators an administrator uses to determine the success of a PD program is seeing that teachers are actually implementing what they are learning. Having an active communication plan to report progress and successes is crucial.

**8. Make the Most of Your time**

Coaching programs are having success regardless of whether they allow for full-time coaches or peer-embedded support with other practicing teachers. Put your best thinking forward in determining a process that will work within budget and time variables.

**9. Take technology Mainstream**

 Every PD initiative can benefit from the integration of technology. Together, you’re better.

**10. Leverage the World**

Resist the temptation to reinvent the wheel. Use technology, coaching methods, and learning communities as “power partners” to tap into existing resources, experts, and support structures.