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Preface

Telcome to the fourth edition of *Transforming Learning with New Technologies*. We have written this book to demonstrate the limitless ways teachers and students can use desktops, laptops, smartphones, tablets, apps, interactive websites, coding, makerspaces, 3-D modeling and printing, serious learning games, assistive technologies, performance assessments, and many more new and emerging technologies to create highly interactive, inquiry-based teaching and learning experiences in K–12 schools.

Our goal is to help you transform classrooms into technology-infused places of learning where teachers and students are active educational partners, working together to use and understand technology. Focusing on day-to-day realities of elementary and secondary schools, each chapter addresses the needs of future educators. We provide thoughtful perspectives, instructional examples, descriptions of technology tools and apps, and technology-integrated lesson plans from across the curriculum and for all grade levels as starting points for new teachers to use in developing technology-based learning for students.

As technology transforms every aspect of our lives and our society—from science, medicine, and business to family, entertainment, and education—this fourth edition seeks to support future teachers as they re-envision the roles of technology in schools. Our highly technological, knowledge-based society demands that teachers and students possess new knowledge and expanded talents to be successful in careers and life—what the Partnership for 21st Century Skills calls the "3 Rs and the 4 Cs" of our digital age.

The 3 Rs refer to the academic curriculum content that is taught across the grade levels where teachers add problem solving and inquiry learning to the time-honored skills of reading, writing, and number operations in the subject fields of reading/language arts, mathematics, the sciences, world languages, the arts, economics, geography, history, and government/civics. The 4 Cs are the skills and talents of critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity that every teacher and student must have to understand and succeed in the world of today and tomorrow.

Teaching and learning with the 3 Rs and the 4 Cs mean teachers prepare, deliver, and assess lessons differently while students participate by thinking critically and creatively about all learning they do and what technologies they use, transforming themselves from passive consumers of information *from* technology to active creators of knowledge and understanding *with* technology.

Each of us—young and old, novice or experienced technology user—is living through social, economic, and technological revolutions that are remaking every aspect of our lives, including education. Learning about technology is the essential step in using it successfully both as a teacher and as a learner. Digital technologies directed by the

creative ideas that you bring to the art and craft of teaching will continue changing K–12 schools throughout your career. You are only just beginning. In that spirit, we invite you to join us in exploring how *new technologies* create *new opportunities* to *transform teaching and learning* in schools.

New to This Edition

This edition has been substantially revised and updated to incorporate the latest developments in educational technology and digital learning. In it, you will find:

- Chapters aligned to the newest International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards—the first five chapters are aligned to the 2017 ISTE Standards for Educators; the final seven chapters are aligned to the 2016 ISTE Standards for Students. The ISTE Standards for Educators and Students (formerly called NETS for Teachers and NETS for Students) describe and illustrate ways for teachers and students to use technology to achieve learning goals and outcomes. Each chapter supports ISTE's broad vision of technology-infused learning by providing examples, models, and strategies for using interactive technologies to create new patterns of teaching and learning at every grade level.
- Material on the latest highly interactive technologies and strategies for teaching and learning—tablets and apps, flipped classrooms, computational thinking, learning to code, 3-D printing, microblogging, online learning, virtual schools, open educational resources, digital citizenship, performance assessments, and using technology with culturally and linguistically diverse learners. An emphasis on highly interactive tools and strategies reflects the changing nature of educational technology from singular devices used by individuals to collaborative tools used by groups and communities.
- Online Application Exercises in each chapter focus on having readers utilize digital technologies and apply them directly to their development as educators. Readers are invited to explore technology tools in more depth to experience how they might use these tools in their future classrooms.
- Technology Transformation Plans at the end of chapters have been renamed and refocused as "Technology Transformation Learning Plans" to emphasize the educational outcomes for students that result from the ways teachers integrate technology into classroom lessons and learning activities.
- Designing Instruction with Technology—the focus of Chapter 4 has been re-envisioned and re-organized to more directly address instructional design with technology. The chapter includes material on different

types of educational websites and apps, as well as a step-by-step presentation of the instructional design process in action using two science lessons—one for elementary age learners, the other for middle and high school students.

- Teachers as Technology Leaders—a chapter on teacher leadership has added material on the SAMR Model of Technology Integration, one-to-one computing and BYOD/T programs, and the role of teachers in addressing digital inequalities facing low-income and culturally and linguistically diverse youngsters. There are also strategies for how new teachers can most effectively manage their online presence and digital reputation on social media.
- Digital Literacies—Expanded coverage of digital literacy includes new material on open educational resources (OERs) and public domain materials, as well as strategies for teaching students how to do online research, evaluate the quality of web materials, and recognize and reject fake and false news.
- Problem Solving and Inquiry Learning—An entirely revised chapter focuses on using coding, robotics, makerspaces, and 3-D printing with students in schools. The chapter features new material on serious educational games and game-based learning along with a new Technology Transformation Learning Plan: Recreating Pre-Contact Native American Houses with a Makerspace and 3-D Printing.
- Technology for Diverse Learners—A substantially reorganized chapter emphasizes using technology to support learning for culturally and linguistically diverse students as well as youngsters with special educational needs. There is material on culturally responsive teaching, teaching students who are learning English as a new language, creating digitally accessible assignments for students, and using technology to support a writing process fit for young writers.

- Self-Checks. In each chapter, self-check quizzes
 help assess how well learners have mastered the
 content. The self-checks are made up of self-grading
 multiple-choice items that not only provide feedback on whether questions are answered correctly
 or incorrectly, but also provide rationales for both
 correct and incorrect answers.
- **Application Exercises.** Every chapter in the fourth edition includes three interactive Application Exercises called "Application Exercises offer hands-on, technology-based opportunities to explore tools and resources that technology-using educators will want to know about and be able to use with K-12 students. Tech Tool exercises are ways to "test-drive" digital tools, experiencing first-hand how they can function instructionally in school settings. Building Your PLN exercises feature digital technologies that future teachers can add to their professional resume of skills and understandings. Growing and Leading with Technology exercises invite readers to develop their own "what would you do" responses to actual classroom scenarios. Application Exercises have thought questions to answer, after which readers can view our author feedback for each question.
- 1. Becoming a 21st Century Teacher
 - Application Exercise 1.1: Tech Tool: *Transforming Technology Tools for Tablets, Smartphones and Laptops*
 - Application Exercise 1.2: Building Your PLN: Selecting Professional Pull and Push Resources
 - Application Exercise 1.3: Growing and Leading with Technology: Marco's "PLN Building" Activity
- 2. Understanding Educational Technology Issues and Trends
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 - Application Exercise 2.2: Tech Tool: Writing a Review of an Educational App
 - Application Exercise 2.3: Growing and Leading with Technology—Cherelle's "Using Technology in the Classroom" Activity
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 - Application Exercise 3.1: Building Your PLN: Web Resources and Apps for Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
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- 4. Designing Instruction with Technology
 - Application Exercise 4.1: Tech Tool: *Exploring Educational Websites and Apps*
 - Application Exercise 4.2: Building Your PLN: Designing a Classroom Learning Activity with Technology
 - Application Exercise 4.3: Growing and Leading with Technology—Tony's "Planets in the Solar System" Learning Activity
- **5.** Applying Technology as Teacher Leaders and Innovators
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 - Application Exercise 5.2: Building Your PLN: *Managing Your Online Presence as A Teacher*
 - Application Exercise 5.3: Growing and Leading with Technology—Kate's "Becoming a Technology Leader in Her First Teaching Job"
- 6. Teaching Information Literacy and Digital Citizenship
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 - Application Exercise 6.2: Building Your PLN: *The Multiple Dimensions of Digital Citizenship*
 - Application Exercise 6.3: Growing and Leading with Technology—Erich's "Researching the First Thanksgiving" Learning Activity
- 7. Engaging in Virtual Learning with Online Resources
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 - Application Exercise 7.3: Growing and Leading with Technology—*Irene and Stacy's "Thinking Globally, Acting Locally" Learning Activity*
- **8.** Solving Problems and Designing Solutions through Coding, Makerspaces and Serious Gaming
 - Application Exercise 8.1: Building Your PLN: Evaluating Apps for Learning to Code
 - Application Exercise 8.2: Tech Tool: Reviewing a Digital Game for Learning
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- **9.** Communicating and Collaborating with Social Technologies
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- **10.** Expressing Creativity with Multimedia Technologies
 - Application Exercise 10.1: Tech Tool: Selecting a Podcast Learning Source for Students
 - Application Exercise 10.2: Building Your PLN: Creating a Teacher Channel for Video Resources

- Application Exercise 10.3: Growing and Leading with Technology—*Drew's "Physics of Projectile Motion" Learning Activity*
- 11. Differentiating Instruction with Technology
 - Application Exercise 11.1: Building Your PLN: Differentiating Instruction through Low Tech/Mid Tech/ High Tech Accommodations
 - Application Exercise 11.2: Tech Tool: Interactive Vocabulary Learning Tools in a Writing Process Fit for Young Writers
 - Application Exercise 11.3: Growing and Leading with Technology: Shannon's "This I Believe Essay" Learning Activity
- **12.** Empowering Learners through Performance Assessments and Reflection
 - Application Exercise 12.1: Building Your PLN: Developing Student Feedback Survey Questions
 - Application Exercise 12.2: Tech Tool: Reviewing an Online Quiz Game
 - Application Exercise 12.3: Growing and Leading with Technology—Mayalyn's "Math Review" Learning Activity

Author-Created Companion Site

To provide ongoing updates and resources for the 4th edition, we have developed a companion Google site, also called transforming learning with new technologies. It replaces transformingtech, our companion wiki for the 3rd edition. At the new site you will find material related to key topics in each chapter. As new research, materials, and resources become available, our plan is to post them on the site so everyone can find up-to-date news and information about technology, schools, and learning. The Site is free Online at https://sites.google.com/view/transformlearningwithtech

Chapter Organization and Updates

Each chapter is organized around specific learning goals designed to provide teachers and students with information to create successful, technology-infused learning environments in K–12 schools and classrooms.

- Chapter 1 introduces the changing context of education in an increasingly multicultural, multilingual society, along with what it means to be a 21st century teacher who uses technology for teaching and learning. There is material updating Bloom's taxonomy with technology, an introduction to the newest ISTE Standards for Educators and Students, and ideas for how to use this book to begin building a PLN (professional learning network) as a new teacher.
- Chapter 2 identifies the latest issues, developments, and trends in the field of educational technology. There is material on using technology to engage students as well as the impacts of digital inequalities on student achievement gaps. Overcoming differences between student-initiated and teacher-chosen technology use is

a key to addressing a persistent digital disconnect that many students feel at school.

- Chapter 3 discusses how technology can generate unique, powerful, and transforming learning (UPT) as defined by the ISTE Standards for Students and 21st Century Student Outcomes. There are technology-based learning activities, web resources and apps for critical thinking and problem solving, digital literacy, communication and collaboration, creativity, and digital citizenship.
- Chapter 4 reviews learning theories and design processes for incorporating technology into lesson planning, classroom teaching, and student assessment, including constructivist and student-centered approaches to the essential elements of instructional design. Two science lessons, one each for elementary school and high school students, provide a step-by-step overview of the instructional design process in action.
- Chapter 5 discusses the dynamics of integrating technology into teaching while creating educational change in schools. There is a focus on using technology to address digital inequalities and student participation gaps in school classrooms, including one-to-one computing, flipped learning, and interactive educational materials. There are also strategies for college students to utilize to become technology-leading educators.
- Chapter 6 examines the multiple dimensions of information literacy and digital citizenship. Beginning with the importance of digital literacy for teachers and students, there is material on identifying fake and false news, using search engines effectively, critically assessing online materials, and utilizing open educational resources (OERs) and public domain materials. There are also strategies for teaching students how to act responsibly as digital citizens.
- Chapter 7 focuses on using online digital content for teaching and learning while also examining the growth and development of blended learning and virtual schools. Technologies and strategies for curating information include an overview of Google's collection of tools for teachers. There is also material on the strengths and drawbacks of online learning and the importance of using exploratory learning websites and apps to engage students in academic learning.
- Chapter 8 shows ways to develop students' inquiry-learning and problem-solving skills using technology.
 Teaching coding and robotics engages students in problem-based learning. Serious learning games, online simulations, and virtual reality applications offer students open-ended ways to practice problem solving by thinking critically. Makerspaces and 3-D modeling and printing place students in the roles of inventors, creators, and engineers of creative learning experiences.
- Chapter 9 explains how teachers and students can use digital communication technologies to enhance collaboration, share information, and promote new learning. There are strategies for utilizing e-mail, text messaging,

- Twitter, and online discussions as a teacher. Blogs, wikis, and Google sites are discussed as technologies for engaging students and implementing collaborative project-based learning activities.
- Chapter 10 explores multimedia technologies and their roles in promoting multimodal learning and student creativity. There are strategies for utilizing e-books and e-readers, educational podcasts, and next-generation presentation tools. There are also ideas and tools for incorporating video in the classroom and supporting students as they engage in photo taking, digital storytelling, and movie-making.
- Chapter 11 explains how technology supports differentiated instruction and universal design for learning by emphasizing educational success for all students. There are tools and strategies for engaging culturally and linguistically diverse learners; an overview of assistive technologies that support students with special educational challenges; and tools for teaching writing within a writing process fit for young writers.
- Chapter 12 demonstrates how teachers and students can become active participants in evaluating and assessing their own growth as learners using technology. The role of assessment in K–12 education is explored along with different types of technology-based, student-centered assessments, including student performance rubrics, democratic classrooms, student feedback surveys, and student participation tools. Digital portfolios for students and teachers are also highlighted as ways for individuals to self-assess personal learning.

In-Chapter Features

CHAPTER-OPENING PEDAGOGY Each chapter begins with learning outcomes connected to each major heading in the chapter. This establishes the framework for what students should know and be able to do when they complete the chapter. Following the learning outcomes is a graphic organizer outlining the chapter's learning goals; ISTE standards connections; and apps and tools that appear in the chapter. Learning goals offer a guide for students' reading and brief vignettes of real-life situations in schools that introduce the chapter's main theme.

END-OF-CHAPTER ACTIVITIES The following materials provide a thorough review of the chapter and extend student thinking beyond the chapter focus:

- **Chapter Summaries** of the major ideas correspond to the learning outcomes found at the beginning of the chapter.
- Key Terms list the important terminology found in the chapter. Terms are found in bold within the chapter text and are defined in the glossary at the end of the book.
- For Reflection and Discussion offers end-of-the-chapter questions and exercises for the purpose of individual reflection, group dialogue, and personal writing to reinforce chapter content and its learning goals.

- Chapter Learning Outcomes have been consolidated to reflect the evolving emphasis on social media, apps, online digital content, and new interactive tools for teaching and learning. Each learning outcome corresponds to a section within the chapter, arranged from the conceptual to the practical so readers receive an introduction to concepts and learning goals and are then shown ways to implement them in school classrooms.
- **TECH TOOLS** Tech Tools in each chapter profile high-quality, easy-to-use, and easy-to-obtain digital tools, apps, and web-based resources that can enhance your work as a teacher, both instructionally and professionally. We describe each tool, how it can be used educationally, and why it is important for teaching and learning. In the eText edition, each Tech Tool includes an interactive, learner-centered Application Exercise designed to help readers of the book explore tools and apps in greater depth. All Tech Tool resources have been class-tested by the authors and students.

DIGITAL DIALOG A boxed feature in each chapter invites readers to use social media and in-class conversations to explore issues raised throughout the book. Brief questions focus attention on current thinking and future plans. From their own and other students' written reflections, readers learn ways to use new technologies for teaching and learning.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMATION LEARNING

PLANS Found at the end of Chapters 6-12, Technology Transformation Learning Plans show teachers how to infuse technology in a substantive and meaningful way using a standard lesson plan template with objectives, methods, assessment strategies, national subject area curriculum standards, and the ISTE Standards for Students. Relating directly to the learning goals and new technologies featured in the chapter, each lesson plan offers "before-andafter" insights via a table that includes one column, "Minimal Technology" (the "before" mode), describing how teachers might conduct a lesson without a significant role for technology, and a second column, "Infusion of Technology" (the "after" mode), illustrating how technologies can fundamentally enhance and transform learning for students and teachers. The Technology Transformation Learning Plans are correlated to the ISTE Standards for Students.

• In Practice is a boxed feature in every chapter that offers classroom-based examples of teachers and students using new technologies for classroom learning. Every In Practice showcases one of the key ideas or technologies being discussed in the chapter by focusing on its practical applications in K-12 schools.

Tech Tool 1.1

Tablets, Smartphones, and Laptops

As a college student, you may own a smartphone as well as a laptop, desktop, or tablet computer. By 2018, 95% of all Americans owned a cell phone; 75% had smartphones; three in four owned a desktop or laptop computer; half had a tablet; one in five had an e-reading device (Pew Research Center, 2018), Mobile and digital technologies provide anywhere, anytime online access to ideas, information, and learning resources—essential features of educational life for teachers and students. The three basic mobile devices include:

Tablets

trols and Internet access to promote interactive learning among teachers and students who can collaborate on projects, share numbers, and perform many other learning activities. The Apple iPad (multiple models), Microsoft Surface Pro. Samsung Galaxy Tab S4, and Asus ZenPad are all highly rated tablets. The defini tion of what is or what is not a tablet is evolving, giving rise to a ew term, phablet, meaning a device that combines features of a tablet and a mobile phone. Its larger size screen hosts full high

of information communication functions, including Internet access, voice communication, text messaging, and video viewing. As historian Paul Ceruzzi (2012) noted, smartphon blend the functions of technologies from the past-telephone, radio, television, phonograph, camera, and teletype—to create a multifunctional handheld device. Apple's iPhone propelled the development of smartphone technology, and now there are numerous competing models from multiple companies.

The smartphone's popularity opens up many possibilities as a learning technology. First, smartphones support anywhere,

anytime learning. Teachers and students can access a wealth of audio and video educational resources whenever they choose. Second, the portability of a smartphone lest students take course content wherever they go. Thind, teachers and students can record their own podacasts and then listen to then on their phones. Although not yet total substitutes for desktope and laptops, smartphones offer on-the-go teacher options such as rapid note taking, quick texting and e-mail communicating, and easy information searching. Like tablets, smartphones run many apps for educational learning.

Laptops (also called *notebooks*, *netbooks*, or *ultrabooks*) weigh between 2 and 8 pounds. Although their lightness is a significant bonus, the computing power of these machines significant bories, are compound power or mese machines makes them vitally useful for teachers. High-quality laptops offer long battery life, an easy-to-read screen display in all kinds of light, sufficient memory to run multiple applications and enough processing speed to handle downloading information and processing files. They have enough storage to be filing cabinets and virtual libraries. Ask yourself, "What kind of filing cabinets and virtual libraries. Ask yourself, "What kind of laptop user and "If" I you are a frequent note laker, you may want to consider battery life. If you do lots of traveling, weight may be your number-one concern. If you do lots of traveling, weight memory may be your purchasing focus.

Tablets, smartphones, and laptops run apps, support software, and access interactive websites that can be used for thousands of instructional purposes:

- Supporting learning in every subject area interactive world maps in social studies, online dictionaries and poetry collections in language arts, calculators and problem-solving activities in math

 Asking students to research existing apps that specifically address the needs of people in local communities
- Inviting students to envision new smartphone apps to explore pressing social or environmental problems.

Digital Dialog 1.1

Looking at the Harris Poll survey findings in Table 1.1, college students who are planning to become teachers may find their expe irins Foll survey innoings in Iable 1.1, college students who are planning to become teachers ma re closer to the older generation of Millennials than the generation of students you will be teach ider whether you align more closely with Gen Z or Millennials in the categories of the survey, t the following questions: ment online about the following qu

- Based on what you now know about Gen Z and Gen Alpha, what digital tools might you consider using for teaching to engage
 your students? Explain why,
 Students use technology in so many parts of their lives outside of school. Should they be constantly connected to technology in
 the classroom? Why or why not?

Technology Transformation Learning Plan

Weather Station WebQuest

Investigating Science Using Interactive Web Resources Grade(s)

Subject(s) Key Goal/Enduring Understanding

Flementary and middle school

Science/social studies

Weather is a naturally occurring phenomenon that may appear unpredictable but is actually a group of interconnected elements that can be studied, understood, and predicted.

Essential Question What types of patterns do we see in weather, and how can we use those patterns to make our own Academic Discipline Learning Standards

National Science Teachers Association: Next Generation Science Standards

Earth and Space Sciences
Earth and Human Activity
National Council for the Social Studies: Curriculum and Content Area Standards

Theme III: People, Places, and Environment Theme VIII: Science, Technology, and Society

Learning Objectives

- Students will know how and be able to:
- Recognize patterns in weather Use tools that simulate weather patterns Disseminate weather-related information using web-based tools Make predictions about future weather based on weather pattern data

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING NETWORK (PLN) An expanded inside-the-chapter Application Exercise provides readers with technology exploration activities to complete as they read the book. These hands-on activities are designed to help readers develop a portfolio of knowledge and skills to use when entering the teaching job market and throughout their career. PLNs are a popular concept for new teachers, for as technology educator Torrey Trust (2012, p. 133) noted: "PLNs connect teachers to other individuals worldwide who can offer support, advice, feedback, and collaboration opportunities." PLNs also allow teachers to collect information from various websites so they can stay up-to-date on the latest teaching techniques, pedagogies, and changes in the field of education.

Support Materials for Instructors

The following resources are available for instructors to download on **www.pearsonhighered.com/educators**. Instructors enter the author or title of this book, select this particular edition of the book, and then click on the "Resources" tab to log in and download textbook supplements.

Instructor's Resource Manual and Test Bank

The Instructor's Resource Manual and Test Bank includes suggestions for learning activities, additional Experiencing Firsthand exercises, supplementary lectures, case study analyses, discussion topics, group activities, and a robust collection of test items. Some items (lower-level questions) simply ask students to identify or explain concepts and principles they have learned. But many others (higher-level questions) ask students to apply those same concepts and principles to specific classroom situations—that is, to actual student behaviors and teaching strategies.

PowerPoint Slides

The PowerPoint slides include key concept summarizations, diagrams, and other graphic aids to enhance learning. They are designed to help students understand, organize, and remember core concepts and theories.

TestGen

TestGen is a powerful test generator that instructors install on a computer and use in conjunction with the TestGen testbank file for the text. You install TestGen on your personal computer (Windows or Macintosh) and create your own tests for classroom testing and for other specialized delivery options, such as over a local area network or on the web. A test bank, which is also called a Test Item File (TIF), typically contains a large set of test items, organized by chapter and ready for use in creating a test based on the associated textbook material. Assessments may be created for both print and online testing.

The tests can be downloaded in the following formats:

TestGen Testbank file: PC TestGen Testbank file: MAC TestGen Testbank: Blackboard 9 TIF

TestGen Testbank: Blackboard CE/Vista (WebCT) TIF

Angel Test Bank (zip)

D2L Test Bank (zip) Moodle Test Bank Sakai Test Bank (zip)

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Chapter 1

Becoming a 21st Century Teacher



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Chapter Overview

Chapter 1 introduces skills, talents, and technologies 21st century teachers will be using to create interactive, engaging learning experiences for themselves and students. We open with an overview of technology's centrality in the lives of students and families and its integration in the work of teachers. The current International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards for Students and Educators as well as Bloom's taxonomy of educational objectives, the technological pedagogical content knowledge (TPACK), and 21st century skills are introduced to frame how new teachers think about technology's role in teaching and learning. In a final section, we introduce a professional learning network (PLN) as a framework for how new teachers can continually expand and document what they know and can do as technology-leading and learning educators. The chapter addresses the "Leader" domain of the ISTE Standard for Educators, which urges teachers to continually look for and learn about new ways for technology to improve successful learning for students.

Learning Outcomes

After reading this chapter, you will be able to:

- **1.1** Summarize the changing diversity of American education and the roles of technology in the lives of students and families.
- **1.2** Discuss ways teachers utilize digital technologies in their work as educators.
- **1.3** Analyze how 21st century technologies can be used to create highly interactive, inquiry-based learning environments.
- **1.4** Organize a professional learning network (PLN) as a technologyusing educator.

Chapter Learning Goal

Understand students, schools, and technologies as a 21st century technology-using teacher.

Featured Technologies

Computers Apps Laptops Social media

Professional learning network (PLN) **Tablets**

Web 2.0/3.0 Smartphones

Two New Teachers and Their Technologies

Hilary remembers always wanting to be a teacher. From grade school on, she imagined herself in a classroom teaching her favorite subjects. She is from a family of teachers—her father taught and coached at a local high school, and her older sister is a speech therapist in a nearby elementary school. Going to college was always in her plans, and when she arrived at her four-year school, she majored in history and teacher education.

Becoming a teacher was the furthest thing from Anthony's mind when he graduated from high school and enrolled in a local community college as a part-time student. As he gradually earned the credits to transfer to a four-year school and major in biology, the idea of teaching science to younger students began to appeal to him as a career choice.

As diverse as these two appear to be, Hilary and Anthony are constant technology users. Neither goes anywhere without a smartphone. Both enjoy watching YouTube videos and downloading music on their handheld devices. While each has an e-mail account, texting, Instagram, and Snapchat are their preferred modes of communicating with friends. Playing video games, shopping online, watching television, doing mobile banking, and streaming movies are daily parts of their media lives.

Seeing technology influencing their own learning, Hilary and Anthony sought ways to use digital tools for teaching students. Hilary helped build and expand a wiki of multimodal web resources to assist history teachers in developing technology-infused learning plans. Anthony began bookmarking online simulations and games for students to play while making science-in-the-real-world videos on his smartphone and editing them as part of inquiry-based lessons. For both Hilary and Anthony, technology for teaching became a central part of becoming an educator.

Although they took different routes to teaching, Hilary and Anthony consistently learned about technology through their use of it in their own lives. When they were in high school and college, technology meant texting, social media, and entertainment through apps, games, streaming videos, digital music, and online blogs and news sites. As teachers entering classrooms for the first time, however, they were not experienced with how to use the power of technology to transform learning. They had to learn new digital tools and discover unforeseen possibilities of technology-based learning to become 21st century teachers.

Our goal for you is to become a confident, thoughtful user of educational technologies in courses, classrooms, and professional settings while you develop your knowledge, skills, and talents as a technology-leading and learning teacher. In this opening chapter, we focus attention on four questions central to your growth and development as a teacher in the digital age:

- 1. What are the characteristics of today's rapidly changing, increasingly diverse schools?
- 2. What technologies are integral to your work as a 21st century teacher?
- 3. How might the ISTE Standards for Students and Educators, technological pedagogical content knowledge (TPACK), and 21st century skills shape your teaching practice?
- 4. How can you begin developing a professional learning network (PLN) as a teacher?

Teaching and Students **Today**

Summarize the changing diversity of American education and the roles of technology in the lives of students and families.

Teaching is a career that matters to everyone—students, families, employers, and society. Filled with endless complexities, questions, and rewards, the profession is clearly committed to continuous professional development and academic learning. As a teacher, you are expected to:

- Convey essential academic material to students in ways they will understand, remember, and apply
- Educate, inspire, engage, and create success for every student, each of whom has a unique background of culture, social class, family income, gender, language, and individual exceptionalities
- Manage inside-the-classroom dynamics of interpersonal interactions, behavior, and community and daily routines to sustain academic learning in the lives of students, families, and communities.

As Philip Jackson (1968) chronicled five decades ago, a teacher handles some 200 separate interpersonal interactions every hour, 6 hours a day, for 180 school days each year—a huge endeavor. Faced with these multiple and often competing goals, beginning educators draw on years of personal experience as students to balance it all. They tend to teach as they have been taught, utilizing whole-group instruction with desks arranged in rows while students take notes, complete worksheets, write papers, and receive grades based on multiple-choice test scores. As a result of these established





Students of all ages use technology for learning and socializing.

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instructional routines, many classrooms feature large amounts of teacher talk while students passively listen to what teachers say.

Traditional practices, from before and throughout the 20th century, fail to engage large numbers of students, including students who are too far behind or ahead academically; students who prefer to learn by moving, drawing, or singing; and learners who are deeply connected with technology outside of school, but have to power down their devices in school. Todd Rose, in his TED talk "The Myth of Average" (2013), pointed out that "Even though we have one of the most diverse countries in the history of the world, and even though it's the 21st century, we still design our learning environments, like textbooks, for the average student." As a result, Rose concludes, "We've created learning environments that, because they are designed on average, cannot possibly do what we expected them to do, which is to nurture individual potential . . . Because every single student has a jagged learning profile, it means that the average hurts everyone, even our best and brightest."

Creating interactive and inspiring learning experiences for students is today's greatest educational challenge, made all the more complex in classrooms with students from many backgrounds, cultures, and languages who possess different levels of interest in the curriculum and have divergent learning preferences. To teach effectively, educators at every grade level must know how to utilize multiple technologies to promote and sustain student learning. Technology enables new ways to engage students by:

- Differentiating instruction to offer students diverse learning experiences
- Energizing learning with interactive tools
- Creating collaborative learning situations
- Enabling access to academic information from multiple sources
- Visiting places and observing processes that cannot be seen otherwise.

A Rapidly Changing and Diversifying Society

As you prepare to teach, you do so within the context of a rapidly changing and diversifying society in which:

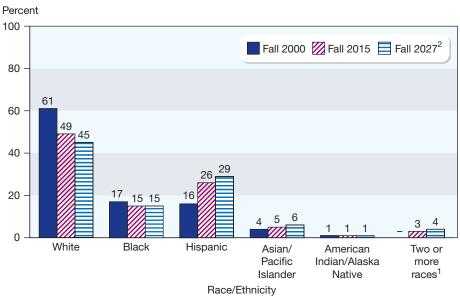
 The K-12 school population is becoming more culturally and linguistically diverse. Demographer William H. Frey (2018a, 2018b) refers to these changes as a "diversity explosion." Hispanic, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Native American students now make up more than 50% of the nation's K-12 student population, and the National Center for Education Statistics (2019) is forecasting that the percentage of non-White students in the schools will continue to increase through at least the year 2027 (see Figure 1.1).

Cultural diversity is accompanied by linguistic diversity—the U.S. Census Bureau (2015) has reported that there are now more than 350 different languages spoken in U.S. homes. Spanish is the second-most spoken language besides English, with more than 40 million speakers, but Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese), Tagalog (including Filipino), Vietnamese, Arabic, French, and Korean have at least 1 million speakers as well. Nevada, Florida, California, New York, and Texas are the most diverse states. In California, half of the state's students are Hispanic, and nearly half speak a language other than English at home (Ed100.org, 2018). Diversity is also reflected in the learning needs of students. Thirteen percent of the nation's K-12 students receive special education services; more than half of those students have learning disabilities or speech and language impairments (National Center for Education Statistics, 2018a). Diverse classrooms mean that you can expect to teach in schools that will have many languages, family backgrounds, cultural traditions, and forms of gender expression in student populations.

Multiple achievement gaps persist among students in schools. Achievement gaps are differences in educational outcomes among groups of students. Black, Hispanic, and Native American students, despite some improvements and gains, continue

Figure 1.1 Percentage Distribution of Students Enrolled in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, by Race/Ethnicity

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education/National Center for Education Statistics (February 2019).



Not available

In 2000, data on students of Two or more races were not collected.

² Projected

to perform below White and Asian students in reading and math as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), the nation's report card (Hansen, et al., 2018). These youngsters lag behind White and Asian peers in graduating from high school, attending college, and graduating from college. In addition, significant numbers of English language learners, students in special education, and LBGTQ youth remain behind their peers in reading, writing, and math test scores; rates of high school graduation; and choice of math-, science-, and engineering-related careers. There are wide achievement gaps between youngsters from wealthy and poor families (defined as 90th vs. 10th percentiles of income). There are gender-based gaps as well. For instance, girls outperform boys on reading and writing in almost all school districts, while boys from affluent, predominantly White districts outperform girls in math (Reardon, et al., 2018). And even though more girls are taking the AP Computer Science test, girls are less likely than boys to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) after high school.

- Connectivity gaps remain a pervasive educational issue. Connectivity gaps are a type of digital inequality in which children in low-income, Black, Hispanic, and American Indian/Alaskan Native households are technologically "underconnected" from the digital resources needed for successful life and learning (National Center for Education Statistics, 2018b; Moore, Vitale, & Stawinoga, 2018). Underconnected households either lack Internet access entirely or have broadband speeds too slow to run the latest software programs, and many face the threat of having Internet service cut off at any time for unpaid bills. Connectivity gaps are everywhere. A large majority of youngsters living in rural areas—about one out of every five elementary or secondary school students in the country—report either "terrible," "unpredictable," or just "OK" access to the Internet at home and at school (Croft & Moore, 2019).
- Connectivity gaps lead to homework gaps and reduced educational outcomes for students. Homework gaps happen in many low-income households when students and adults must share a single, often outdated computer (Katz, Gonzalez, & Clark, 2017). Since 80% of eighth-graders use a computer at home for schoolwork, lack of up-to-date technology can result in severe educational disadvantages (National Center for Education Statistics, 2018b). One report documented that 13% of students have difficulty completing homework due to lack of Internet access (Evans, 2018). Another national survey found that fewer than 10% of all school

- districts report that every student has access to a non-shared computing device at home. Students without their own device may have difficulty completing their homework (Mayalahn, 2017). By contrast, students from higher-income families are much more likely to have high-speed Internet, use multiple digital devices, and get news and conduct business online. Phone technology also imposes limitations on students' educational experience. While most less affluent youngsters have mobile phones for accessing social media and listening to music, it is not easy to write papers, analyze materials, record data, or view simulations and interactive websites on phones as compared to using the most up-to-date desktop or tablet computers.
- Digital inequalities persist in how technology is used in schools as well. In theory, youngsters with reduced access to new technologies at home can overcome any educational disadvantages by being able to use and learn with digital tools at school. However, there are persistent technology-based participation gaps in classrooms. The same technologies get used differently in different schools, so that even when schools provide access to learning technologies for all students, schools in wealthier communities have students using those technologies in more creative and expansive ways (Reich & Ito, 2017). Students in low-income community schools tend to use technology mainly for basic skills instruction, while students in more affluent districts use technology for more creative, hands-on, exploratory learning such as coding, making games and animations with digital media, and utilizing peer collaboration tools like blogs and wikis.
- The role of the teacher is evolving from expert in front of a classroom to facilitator of small learning groups and project-based activities. Traditional educational practices (teachers present information while students listen and learn) fail to engage at least half and often most of the students in any given classroom. In surveys and studies, students tell researchers that they want learning in schools to resemble the active, technology-driven learning environments they routinely experience in most other parts of their lives. Multiple educational policy organizations urge teachers to create more interactive, inspiring learning environments that will connect to learners who possess different levels of interest and divergent learning preferences.
- Schools are changing in structure and format from traditional brick-and-mortar buildings to many different combinations of in-person and online learning environments. Everywhere in the country, you will find widely varying types of schools, including public, private, independent, religious, homeschool, charter, single gender, vocational, agricultural, virtual/online, magnet, language immersion, extended day, year-round, GED preparation, school to college, Montessori, and Reggio Emilia. As a teacher, you are not just getting ready to teach in one type of school for the duration of your career, but preparing to succeed in many different schools with different approaches to teaching and learning.
- Beyond the schoolhouse, the nature of jobs and work now places great emphasis on mental rather than physical labor. Students today are entering the world of work, where the skills needed are constantly changing, as are the jobs themselves. Employers want employees who have learned how to learn and embrace the idea of "thinking for a living," in Ray Marshall and Marc Tucker's memorable phrase (1993). In every sector of the economy, technology-based professional, managerial, technical, and entrepreneurial careers are emerging all the time, including many that no one could have imagined even a decade ago (e.g., drone operator, 3-D printing specialist, nanotechnology designer, robot operator for surgery). One report on human-machine partnerships forecast that 85% of the jobs for workers in 2030 have not even been invented yet (Institute for the Future for Dell Technologies, 2017). You will be teaching students not only to enter the world of today, but to be prepared for discovering the exciting new opportunities of the future.

A Generation of Technology Users

The students in your future classroom will be unlike any generation of students before them. Psychologists Howard Gardner and Katie Davis (2014) have labeled them the "app generation" because they have grown up using computers, the Internet, smartphones, social media, and interactive digital technologies. The oldest of these students (those born between the mid-1990s and 2010) are members of Generation Z (Gen Z); they are also called "post-millennials," "screeners," or the "iGeneration" (Serafino, 2018; Caumont, 2014). The children of Gen Z are a new population cohort known as Generation Alpha (Gen Alpha) and includes youngsters born between 2010 and 2025. Knowing about these generations is vitally important for you as a teacher, because the more informed you are about students and technology, the better you will understand their interests, motivations, and goals, as well as the types of educational methodologies needed to successfully teach them in K–12 schools.

From the earliest ages, children from Gen Z and Gen Alpha live media-saturated lives, constantly receiving images and information from televisions, computers, video and picture sharing websites, video games, and smartphones as participants in what sociologists have called a digital childhood (Vandewater, et al., 2007). Growing up digital includes the following:

- Almost all infants, toddlers, and preschoolers watch television (nearly every U.S. home has one) while making increasing use of digital tablets, smartphones, and social networks (Donahue, 2015; Guernsey, 2014).
- On average, children ages 2 to 10 years spend more than 2 hours a day with screen media, about half that time viewing materials that parents consider "educational." As they get older, children's screen time increases, but the amount of educational viewing decreases (Common Sense Media, 2017).
- · By 2013, nearly three of four children had access to mobile devices at home on which they spent time playing games, using apps, watching videos, and reading books (Common Sense Media, 2013).
- In their teenage years, nearly all 12- to 15-year-olds watch television (98.5%) and use computers (91%), but only one quarter of boys and one third of girls meet an American Academy of Pediatrics-recommended limit of 2 hours a day or less for television plus technology use outside of school (Herrick, et al., 2014).
- Media multitasking (using more than one form of media at a time) is another prominent technology use feature among teenagers. The much-publicized Generation M2 study reported that teens and tweens averaged 7 hours and 38 minutes during a typical day using different types of digital and screen media (computers, video games, music players, television). However, media multitasking means these youngsters were actually experiencing 10 hours and 45 minutes of media time daily (Rideout, Foehr, & Roberts, 2010). Those numbers have not declined in the decade since the publication of the Generation M2 study; in fact, children and adolescents continue to spend enormous amounts of time with digital and screen media at younger and younger ages.

In 2018, the Harris Poll found dramatic shifts in technology use between Millennials—those born after 1981—and those K-12 students who were born after 1996. The results are summarized in Table 1.1. Both groups are immersed in learning with technology, but members of Generation Z show greater preferences for visual media and video learning, interactive apps and websites, and, perhaps surprisingly, in-person group activities.

Increasingly, mobile phones are children and teenagers' most widely accessed technology. Growth in phone technology use has been rapid. By 2013, nearly four out of five 12- to 17-year-olds (78% had a cell phone, while almost half (47%)) owned a smartphone (Lenhart, 2015). Teens use their phones when communicating with friends, using apps, and accessing the Internet for information and other educational purposes. One in four teens are "cell-mostly Internet users" who get information for school almost solely by using their phones; more than half of those youngsters download apps for entertainment or educational purposes. A majority of parents believe mobile devices are tools of the future that should be used to enrich and engage students' learning. Although in about one in five households youngsters do not use any mobile or portable devices, by high school only 1 in 10 students is a non-technology user at home (Grunwald Associates LLC, 2013).

Table 1.1 Technology Preferences for Generation Z and Millennial Learners

Generation Z	Millennials
Social Media • YouTube (82%–67%) • Instagram (70%–45%) • Snapchat (69%–32%) • Twitter (43%–34%)	Social Media ● Facebook (43%–34%)
Online Visual and Video Sites • Watching movies online (43%–27%) • Visiting video sharing sites (66%–55%) • Playing online games (53%–35%) • Sharing pictures, videos, music (66%–56%)	Online Visual and Video Sites • No preferences in this category
Tools for Learning • YouTube (59%–55%) • In-person group activities (57–47%) • Learning apps and interactive sites (47%–41%)	Tools for Learning ■ Books (60%–47%)

SOURCE: Pearson. (2018, August). Beyond millennials: The next generation of learners.

Digital Dialog 1.1

Looking at the Harris Poll survey findings in Table 1.1, college students who are planning to become teachers may find their experiences with technology are closer to the older generation of Millennials than the generation of students you will be teaching when you enter the classroom. Consider whether you align more closely with Gen Z or Millennials in the categories of the survey, then connect and comment online about the following questions:

- Based on what you now know about Gen Z and Gen Alpha, what digital tools might you consider using for teaching to engage your students? Explain why.
- Students use technology in so many parts of their lives outside of school. Should they be constantly connected to technology in the classroom? Why or why not?

Technology Today

Discuss ways teachers utilize digital technologies in their work as educators.

New digital technologies can become essential teaching and learning tools for beginning teachers or experienced educators by creating learning experiences that would not be possible otherwise. Internet-connected computers, tablets, and smartphones offer unparalleled access to information, interactive games, streaming videos, real-world simulations, social media, online communication and collaboration tools, and many more exciting ways to expand the impact of learning in school for students and teachers.

Every technology, from simplest to most complex, ancient to most recent, is a tool, device, or material whose purpose is to solve human problems. Technology is a "practice, a technique, or a device for altering the experience of the world," noted historian Rebecca Solnit (2004, p. 114) in her study of how the telegraph, the railroad, high-speed photography, and motion pictures transformed the American West in the late 19th century. Those technologies altered existing social, cultural, economic, and political patterns by extending the nation's industrial base, displacing native peoples from ancestral lands, changing how people experienced the world, and setting a course for the future.

Creating technological solutions to problems facing humans has been happening since the beginnings of humankind. The wheel, stone tools, and rocks crafted into arrowheads are examples from the ancient past. The technology of writing in the form of written record keeping changed patterns of trade and commerce in the Middle East, Asia, and the Americas thousands of years ago. Beginning in 1450, the printing press transformed European society by making books and newspapers available on a scale never before imagined (Wheeler, 2019). U.S. history is marked by the technological transformations brought about by the cotton gin, interchangeable manufacturing parts, the telegraph and telephone, electricity, television, and most recently, information-processing machines known as computers.

Technologies have continually transformed American education—the first widely used educational textbook, The New England Primer, was published in 1690; students in colonial one-room schoolhouses used hornbooks, wooden paddle-shaped devices with reading material pasted on them; the chalkboard dates back to the 1840s; massproduced paper and lead pencils came into use after 1900; with support from Thomas Edison, among others, teachers started showing educational films as early as 1910; educational radio entered many schools in the 1930s; the first videotape premiered in 1951; the handheld calculator arrived in 1958; and the interactive whiteboard debuted in 1999 (Haran, 2015; Reynolds, 1976).

Importantly, the technologies that became widely used in schools and society before the 1980s were non-digital technologies; that is, they were not connected

Figure 1.2 A Digital Technology Timeline

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1980 to 1990	First portable laptop computer (1981) Internet standards for sending and receiving messages (1982) Macintosh computer (1984) Cell phone goes on sale (1984) First one-on-one computing program (1985) Eudora e-mail (1988)
1990 to 2000	PowerPoint released (1990) First digital camera (1991) World Wide Web open to the public (1991) First website published (1991) Mosaic, first widely popular graphical web browser (1993) eBay started (1995) WikiWikiWeb, first wiki (1995) Interactive whiteboards (1997) NetLibrary provides e-books to libraries (1998) Blogs (1999)
2000 to 2010	Microsoft tablet PC (2000) Wikipedia launched (2001) First generation iPod introduced (2001) Skype, iTunes (2003) Facebook (2004) Podcasts online (2004) First YouTube video uploaded (2005) More text messages than telephone calls (2007) iPhone, Twitter, Tumblr, Kindle e-reader (2007) Android smartphone (2008)
2010 to 2020	iPad (2010) Instagram (2010) Digital music outsells CDs for the first time (2011) MOOCs (2012) Game-based learning Digital textbooks Open Education Resources (OERs) 3-D Printing and the maker movement Flipped classrooms Adaptive technologies Digital badges Wearable technologies Augmented reality Virtual reality Mixed reality Adaptive learning Virtual and remote laboratories
Emerging	The Internet of Things (IoT)—devices talking to devices Artificial intelligence (Siri, Twitter bots) Robotics in the classroom Voice-based applications