

[IT]² for Specialists

The [IT]² program is an opportunity for all teachers in the Lake Washington School District to develop, reinforce, and integrate instructional technology use with students. All teachers are eligible, including specialists who may not work in a standard classroom environment.

For 2008-2009, the [IT]² focus is the use of Activstudio with students. For specialists who do not have regular access to a classroom equipped with an Activboard or who have specialized assignments, a differentiated program has been designed.

Teachers qualifying for the Specialist [IT]² Program include:

- Occupational Therapists/Physical Therapists
- Physical Education Specialists
- Psychologists
- Secondary Counselors
- Special Education Preschool teachers
- Speech and Language Pathologists
- Vision Specialists

Specialists identified above wishing to participate in [IT]² will complete a process similar to that of other [IT]² participants. The difference is that specialists will be responsible for identifying alternative LWSD instructional technologies used in the delivery of services with students for use in their independently developed skills inventory, technology growth plan, and demonstration. Those specialists may elect to follow the Activstudio pathway, where 5QL coursework and component classes are available. Coursework and component classes for independently selected technologies may not be available through 5QL.

Specialist [IT]² Program Steps:

Step 1: Specialists complete *Skills Inventory for Specialists*.

- Specialists identify district technologies used in the delivery of instruction or services and rate their competency for each.
- Technologies are selected by each individual specialist based upon individual assignments and roles.
- These technologies can be LWSD approved software programs, web applications, hardware devices, and/or assistive technology tools. Specialists have the option of focusing on Activstudio.

Step 2: Specialists complete *Individual Plan for Growth for Specialists*

- Using results from Step 1, specialists create an individualized growth plan for growth in the use of instructional technology with students.

- 5QL courses may not be available for all instructional technologies selected by specialists.

Step 3: Specialists demonstrate the use of instructional technology with students

- Participate in 5QL Coursework
 - Complete the new Activstudio component 5QL class series (8 hours).
 - *Class series options for check-off are not available for other technologies*
 - Attend and participate in new 5QL Sharing and Collaboration class (2 hours).
- IT Teacher Leader
 - Demonstrate *Evidence of Accomplishment* to your school's IT Teacher Leader during:
 - A scheduled individual check off meeting.
 - A school site hosted 5QL Sharing and Collaboration class.
- Classroom Visits
 - Demonstrate requirements to PD specialist during a classroom lesson.
- Professional Development "Office Hours"
 - Meet with a PD specialist at the Resource Center.

Step 4: Specialists receive payment of \$1250 in their June paycheck

Additional Components:

- 5QL classes' focus will be on Activstudio software.
- Full-day LEAP days will include Activstudio training. Some specialists may have alternative role-specific activities scheduled during this time.
- Teams may collaborate on the creation of a team project for use with students.
- Specialists may decide not to participate in [IT]², receiving no compensation, but district expectations for using technology with students will remain.

For more information on the [IT]² program, including forms and documents addressing requirements and alternatives for qualifying specialists, please visit the [IT]² Portal at <http://portal.lwsd.org/sites/IT/IT2>.

For any additional questions or assistance as you develop and implement plans, please contact a member of the instructional technology team:

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