

1. What is the difference between Technology Education and instructional/educational technology?

Technology Education is a distinct discipline that provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to function in a technological society by providing opportunity for job-related skills. Instructional or educational technology is a strategy for using different forms of technology (such as computers) to aid or enhance educational instruction. It is not a discipline.

2. What constitutes a Technology Education course?

Technology Education courses are courses that contain the unique aspects of designing, constructing, using and evaluating products and services to satisfy human and environmental needs. Courses used in a standards-based technology education curriculum follow established criteria to be considered appropriate.

3. What is the relationship between Technology Education and career and technical education?

Technology Education provides students with an opportunity to explore a wide range of technology related areas without a limiting a focus on specific employment skills. As a bridge between general education and career and technical education, Technology Education provides students with transferable skills and opportunities. Technology Education courses provide students with an awareness of technology in their lives in general and opportunities to pursue a technology related area they may choose as a future career. Career and technical education provides students with job specific skills leading to entry level employment.