

Application for Addition to Recommended Technology Tools

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Tool: Sound Enhancement System: LightSpeed Redcat (Portable) or installed version of LightSpeed or Phonic Ear - see Kim to determine which will work best in your situation

Cost: LightSpeed Redcat w/ 2 mics - \$1170 LightSpeed 820 - \$1140, Phonic Ear Frontrow Digital - \$1249

Target Group: This tool will assist teachers and students in any classroom, K-12. As schools are determining where to start with this implementation, I would recommend starting in the younger grades and working up. For middle schools and high schools, think about classrooms with lots of discussion - lecture, student discourse, and classrooms with plenty of background noise.

Standard: This tool supports all content areas and standards. It certainly supports the communication standard strongly, when used by students.

Need: Yes, teachers can project their voices - all day long, and students can hear - but not necessarily hear well. With this tool, teachers can speak in a regular voice, thus saving their vocal cords, and all students in the room can hear equally as well.

Research: There is LOTS of independent research on this one. Please visit the following links to see just some of the research. Student scores on a variety of tests have increased significantly the first year that this tool is implemented on a daily basis!
http://www.lightspeed-tek.com/research+_+case+studies.aspx
<http://www.classroomhearing.org/>

Support: You will need to work with maintenance to get the permanent model installed. The portable model can sit on a shelf or be mounted to a wall. Once you get the setting correct, there is little maintenance, other than charging the mics daily. Rechargeable batteries should last more than a year before needing to be replaced. This will be an additional cost of about \$ that will need to come from building budget.

Training: We have a few good web links for the teacher to view quick videos to learn how to set and use the system. Someone from the IMD or Student Services will stop by for a quick check on the system after it is up and running.

Approval of Recommendation

This form should be submitted by a T&L Coordinator or a Student Services Representative

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Student Services Rep: Kim Mathey, Chris Buzard

Approved by: Kim Mathey

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