

Preliminary Agenda, T&L Leadership Summit
December 7-8
Camby Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona

Curriculum & Tech: Can This Marriage Be Saved?

For any tech initiative to not just survive but thrive, IT and curriculum leaders must share the same goals. It's easy to say that an educational vision should drive everything we do with technology in schools but far harder to ensure that the organizational structure, communication channels and other elements are in place to make the marriage between technology and learning a successful one. The December T&L Leadership Summit will address this issue through panels and discussions that can help both sides better understand each other's challenges, improve collaboration, and support a district's instructional goals through powerful uses of technology.

In addition to examining this theme, attendees will have the opportunity to suggest topics for small group discussions that they will attend during the second day of the conference. Topics range from data privacy to professional learning, 1:1 models to facilitating change. Tech Learning Leader Summit participants are both teachers and learners at these events, sharing their challenges and successes with their peers, brainstorming solutions to a variety of challenges, building a personal learning network of colleagues they can turn to for counsel throughout the year, and walking away with action items they can put into place in their districts.

Thursday, December 7

1:00 - 2:30 pm: Arrivals and Event Registration

3:00 - 5:00 pm: Off-Site Visit and Opening Session

We will visit the Phoenix Coding Academy for a tour and panel

discussion.

5:30 - 6:30 pm: Welcome Reception

6:45 - 8:30 pm: Dinner and Introductions

Friday, December 8

7:30 - 8:15 am: Breakfast

8:15 – 9:15 am: General Session: Examining the Marriage

The morning session begins with a discussion that includes administrators from several different districts sharing stories about how technology and curriculum leaders are working together to ensure that technology purchases and uses support their instructional goals and educational vision.

9:20 – 10:20 am: Digging Deeper

Attendees will have the chance to break into small groups to share their challenges and solutions around this topic.

10:30 am - 12:20 pm: Working Groups and Sponsor meetings

Several “working groups” will meet during this time period to drill down on topics chosen by attendees. Topics will be determined through a survey and might include:

- (1) Data Privacy and Security/Identity Management
- (2) Valuing and Encouraging Diversity — From the Classroom to the Leadership Team
- (3) Network Infrastructure, Bandwidth and the Cloud
- (4) The Home-School-Community Connection -- involving parents and offering access beyond the school walls
- (5) Redesigning Classrooms and Other Learning Spaces

- (6) Measuring ROI and the Impact of programs
- (7) Effective Partnerships between IT and Curriculum
- (8) Professional Learning/PD and Coaching
- (9) Digital Equity Issues in Schools Today
- (10) Teaching Critical Thinking and Digital Citizenship
- (11) Blended and Personalized Learning
- (12) Maximizing the Effectiveness/ROI of Your 1:1 Implementation

Those not participating in a working group at this time will be involved in one-on-one/small group meetings with sponsors, as well as informal “Anything Goes” discussions with colleagues.

12:30 - 1:30 pm: Lunch, Dessert Reception and Networking

1:40 – 3:30 pm: Working Groups and Sponsor meetings

Once again, several “working groups” will meet to discuss attendee-chosen topics, while other attendees meet with sponsors or participate in “anything goes” discussions. During the course of the day, each attendee will participate in two working groups on topics of their choosing, as well as a number of smaller meetings and discussions.

3:40 – 4:30 pm: Lessons Learned

The final session will be an opportunity to identify specific takeaways attendees will put into place in their districts. These will be included in a follow-up report to be published in the *Tech & Learning Leader* newsletter as well as a summary in *T&L magazine*.

6:00 - 8:30 pm: Closing Dinner: Christopher’s Restaurant and Crush Lounge