



Forum Unified Education Technology Suite

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There are countless books and resources available to describe how to set up computing and communications technology. Many of these publications are very good, yet they are usually quite complicated and are almost always written for a business or industry audience. The *Forum Unified Education Technology Suite* is designed specifically for educators who must make sound decisions regarding the selection, implementation, and management of administrative and instructional technology systems.

This web-based resource has its origins in four separate, stand-alone documents published by the National Center for Education Statistics and National Forum on Education Statistics over the past several years: *Safeguarding Your Technology* (1998), *Technology @ Your Fingertips, Version 2.0* (2001), *Technology in Schools* (2002), and *Weaving a Secure Web around Education* (2003). Although these resources maintain their value as stand-alone publications, their content has been updated and integrated to form this *Forum Unified Education Technology Suite*.

The document presents a practical, comprehensive, and tested approach for assessing, acquiring, instituting, managing, securing, and using technology in education settings. More importantly, however, it will help individuals who lack extensive experience with technology develop a better understanding of the terminology, concepts, and fundamental issues influencing technology acquisition, installation, and management.

The *Forum Unified Education Technology Suite* has been developed primarily for individuals responsible for acquiring, installing, or managing technology systems in education settings, including personnel responsible for the integration of various technologies into classrooms.

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