

TRAILBLAZER – pioneer, in the forefront, trendsetter, pacesetter, leader, innovator



Dear Phase IV Participant,

Listed below are the components for mastering Phase IV Proficiencies. You will need to finish each one of the components, publish those that are applicable on your web page, and set up a time so you can share its contents and the remaining components with your District Cyber Connection Committee. The guidelines for submission are found on the Phase IV Proficiency link on the Cyber Connection web site.

I. Web Page

- Individual web page with general classroom information
- Unit(s) of Practice
- Links to teacher and/or student recommended websites

II. Classroom visitation by members of the Cyber Connection Team (comprised of an administrator from the central office, school board member, and 1-2 members of the Cyber Connection Leadership Team)

III. Sharing Session with Cyber Connection Team:

- Documentation of brainstorming meetings with your Instructional Technology Specialist to help create a model for a student-centered, technology-rich classroom
- Three letters of endorsement indicating technology integration
- Reflective writings

IV. After receiving Phase IV *Trailblazer* status, be prepared to:

- Be a technology integration mentor for campus teachers.
- Model appropriate copyright use and effective information literacy.
- Be available to teach staff development courses on the campus and/or district level if needed.
- Open up your classroom for others to visit and/or videotape classroom lessons for teacher checkout.
- Participate in district technology related activities and/ or present at district and/or state conferences.
- Serve on the Trailblazer Campus Visit Team
- Receive minimally one additional desktop computer for your classroom.

After these three components have been completed, the Cyber Connection Team will determine the applicant's status. If the applicant does not achieve Phase IV *Trailblazer* status on the first try, he/she will be encouraged to continue growing.

Keep in mind this is not a pass/fail project. We are looking for continued professional growth, a model for other district teachers, and your commitment to help others achieve this *Trailblazer* stage.

If you have any questions, please contact your Campus Instructional Technology Specialist.

Sincerely,

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