16 NCAC 06G .0602 TECHNOLOGY COST CONSIDERATIONS

(a) Each public school unit ("PSU") shall evaluate the following factors when acquiring technology, computer hardware, or computer software.

(1) The long-term cost of ownership of the technology, hardware, or software, including anticipated costs of maintenance, support, licensing, subscription renewals, and repair.

(2) Any flexibility for innovation in the use of the technology, hardware, or software to support instructional innovation, software upgrades, and evolving educational needs.

(3) Any anticipated resale or salvage value at the end of the target lifecycle for the technology, hardware, or software. The anticipated value shall be calculated as a percentage of the initial purchase cost based on the comparable market value of the technology, hardware, or software at the end of its useful life.

(b) The PSU shall retain documentation of the evaluation for a minimum of three years and shall provide such documentation to the State Board of Education upon request.

(c) Each PSU shall submit the report required by G.S. 115C-102.11 no later than June 30th of each school year.

History Note: *Authority G.S. 115C-13; 115C-102.10; 115C-102.11;*
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