

Technology Fund

The Technology Fund is used for the purchase, rental, repair and maintenance of technology equipment, and associated technical training for school district personnel. SB 199, passed in the 2013 legislative session, also allows districts to purchase computer network access, software, data storage, desktop virtualization, network security, and technology curriculum. It is funded by a state technology grant, fund balance reappropriated, non-levy revenues, state, federal and private grants or donations that will be spent in the budget year, and a district tax levy. The term for district tax levies that were approved prior to July 1, 2013, may be perpetual or durational. With the passage of SB 199, the term of district levies approved after July 1, 2013 may not exceed 10 years and the term of any existing perpetual levies must be revised and limited to 10 years. *The district tax levy approved prior July 1, 2013 is limited to 20% of the cost of the computer equipment and computer network access, not to exceed 150% of the cost over time.* District tax levies approved after July 1, 2013 are not subject to this limitation. The district’s voters must approve any increase in levy authority from the previous year.

What is the purpose of the Flexibility Fund?

The purpose of this fund is to finance the purchase and maintenance of technological equipment and to provide technical training and to account for receipt of state Technology “Timber” money and other revenues and expenditures for technology equipment and computer network access

Valid Expenditures:

- Purchase, rental, repair, maintenance, and depreciation of technological equipment, including computers and computer network access
- Associated technical training for school district personnel
- Software maintenance fees, ie: for student information and accounting systems.

Common Coding:

Fund: 128 Elementary Technology
 Program: All Program Codes
 Function: All Function Codes
 Object Codes: All Object Codes
 Revenue Source: 3281 State Technology Aid

Reserve Limit:

No reserve limit

History of the Technology Fund at Gallatin Gateway School:

Year	Adopted Budget	Fund Balance Reappropriated	Other Revenue	District Mill Levy	District Mills
16-17	\$20,340.95	\$2,245.35	\$1,059.66	\$17,035.94	3.18
15-16	\$21,183.07	\$536.87	\$1,073.10	\$19,573.10	3.94
14-15	\$18,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,109.04	\$17,390.96	3.66
13-14	\$21,347.63	\$1,222.01	\$2,125.62	\$18,000.00	3.90
12-13	\$19,103.15	\$0.00	\$1,103.15	\$18,000.00	3.94
11-12	\$27,640.00	\$2.06	\$1,137.94	\$26,500.00	5.70
10-11	\$27,674.05	\$0.00	\$1,168.05	\$26,506.00	5.74
09-10	\$23,116.34	\$4,000.00	\$1,116.34	\$18,000.00	3.97

**Other Revenue = State Technology Aid*

The District asked voters to approve the technology levy in May 2004. The Technology Acquisition and Depreciation Fund Levy passed 188 to 146 votes, a difference of 42 votes. Total Number of Registered Voters: 819; Total Number of Voters in School Election: 344; and Voter Turnout: 42%. Ballot wording from May 2004:

TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION AND DEPRECIATION FUND LEVY PROPOSITION

Shall the district be authorized to annually levy the sum of \$18,000 dollars and being approximately 5.37 mills for the purpose of purchasing, renting, repairing, and maintaining technological equipment, including computers and computer network access and the associated technical training for school district personnel? Passage of this proposal will increase the taxes on a home with a market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$12.53 and on a home with a market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$25.05.