FIVESTAR
Strategic Planning

Visionary Technology Governance

Five Star Strategic Planning Services ensures educational organizations don't just "buy technology," but deliver on best practices for sustainable success. Aligned to the CoSN Framework of Essential Skills, we provide a dedicated consultant to guide school technology leaders (CTOs, Superintendents, or Directors) in providing informed metrics, proactive planning, and measurable instructional impact.

We provide the technology vision that allows your district to focus on learning. We transform complex educational goals into a clear, achievable, and affordable roadmap.

Your Trusted vCTO Partner

CoSN Aligned:
Every recommendation is rooted in national standards for education technology leadership.

Leadership Continuity:
We work with your designated leader or leadership team to ensure consistent decision-making and long-term goal stability.

eRate Compliant:
We maintain strict adherence to eRate competitive bidding requirements, ensuring your eligibility and compliance for Category 1 & Category 2 projects.

Your dedicated Five Star consultant and Client Success Specialist (CSS) will partner with your organizational leader through a consistent communication schedule:

- Quarterly in-person strategic meeting.
- Monthly virtual check-ins
- Direct Message access
- Quarterly newsletter

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Technology Diagnostics: Informed Metrics

Knowing where you are is the first step to knowing where you're going.

- **NIST Cybersecurity Assessment**: An annual assessment with actionable recommendations to harden your district's security posture.
- **Google Admin Audit:** A yearly deep dive into license usage and console security.
- **Infrastructure RISK Report:** Annual evaluation of assets, vulnerabilities, and priorities.
- **Service KPIs:** Quarterly ticket system reviews to identify trends and operational bottlenecks.
- **Compliance**: Assistance with state-specific tech surveys and planning requirements.

Technology Planning: The Proactive Partner

Sustainable budgeting and future-proofing your investment.

- **5-7 Year Refresh Cycles:** Data-backed plans for student/staff devices and infrastructure.
- **3-Year Financial Forecast:** License tracking and life-cycle budgeting to eliminate "funding surprises."
- **Strategic Roadmap:** A 3-year vision aligned directly with your district's organizational goals.
- **Board-Ready Documentation:** Professional templates and data visualizations to help you tell your story to the Board.
- **eRate Consultation:** Expert guidance on Category 1 recommendations to maximize your funding.

Technology IMPACT: Learning Results

Ensuring technology investments translate into pedagogical growth.

- **Standards Alignment:** Crosswalking your tech use with ISTE, CoSN, and State standards (STEM/CTE).
- **Instructional Focus Groups:** Yearly onsite focus groups and tours to see technology in action.
- **Data-Driven Dashboards:** Real-time windows into educator proficiency and practice.
- **Change Management:** Strategic support for launching new initiatives to ensure staff adoption.
- **Stakeholder Voice:** Management of surveys (SpeakUp, IMPACT, or AI Readiness) to ensure the community's voice is heard.