

In 2017, **55.9 million students** will attend public schools in the United States. Many of these students will engage in 1:1 classrooms, virtual environments and maker spaces as a part of technology advancements.

EdTech spend is projected to reach **\$252B** by 2020. K-12 school districts are gearing up for the expected demand to suppor new classroom technology.



K-12 EDTECH SPEND IS ON THE RISE

Without a doubt, IT professionals in K-12 districts are strained and the pressure continues to mount as new EdTech trends and initiatives are embraced, including:





Blended Learning Environments: This strategy combines technology-based instruction with traditional, teacher-to-student lessons.

1:1 Classrooms: A recent survey of over 2,500 teachers and administrators across the U.S. shows 80% believe their schools offer good or great access to technology, and over 50% say they have a 1:1 student-to-device ratio.



Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed Reality: In the K-12 market, Futuresource expects the number of students in K-12 schools accessing VR/MR/AR-based content via head-mounted displays (HMDs) to grow from 2.1 million in 2016 to 82.7 million in 2021.5



Makerspaces (STEM): Makerspaces help prepare those who need critical 21st century skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

TOP CHALLENGES FACING K12 IT LEADERS



Resource Constraints



Cybersecurity



Ransomware poses a serious threat to K-12 schools, but its most harmful effects can be avoided by implementing three basic steps to protecting your operations.



A MOVE TO SELF-SERVICE







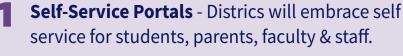


On average, K12 districts give themselves 2.9 stars for their service portal. A key area to address for resource optimization.



TOP FIVE INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE IT MATURITY





Knowledge Centered Support - crowd sourced and shared information for expedited resoultion.

Endpoint Control / Security Standards - mitigate risk of ransomware/malware in K12 districts.

1 Use the ITIL Framework - a set of practices that imparts practical guidance for service delivery.

Change Management - 80 percent of unplanned downtime is an internal issue caused by IT itself.



average cost of a level 1 support call*



average cost of self-service

Sources: TDX K12 Market Study, NCES, IBIS Capital, EdWeek, HDI, eLearningIndustry, EdTech Magazine



