

CoSN 2018 IT Leadership Survey Results

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Top 10 Key Findings from the 2018 IT Leadership Survey

- **Cybersecurity and Broadband/Network Capacity** tie as the top priorities for IT Leaders.
- **Budget constraints** are ranked the top challenge for the fourth straight year.
- **Integrating technology** into the classroom continues to be the most understaffed IT function.
- A transition from **print-to-digital** is taking longer than projected.
- Twice as many districts that are seeking to create a **1:1 (device to student) environment** are providing the device versus using Bring-Your-Own-Device strategies.
- IT Leaders are increasingly involved in **digital content purchasing decisions**. For 28% of districts, digital content cannot be purchased without their approval.
- IT Leaders are **outsourcing** less than they used to.
- Men and Women tend to take different paths to IT Leadership. More than half of women come to their role with an academic background in education and instruction, as compared to just a third of men. Whereas men primarily come from a technical background.
- Significant progress has been made in the transition to **digital assessments**, with 80% ready or almost ready to conduct Common Core or statewide high-stakes online assessments.
- IT Leaders are predominately White (90%). This is the same percentage as prior years and shows no progress towards diversifying the field to include more district IT Leaders of color.

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