

## **Session 4: Why Technology? The Policies that Drive New Directions**

### **4.1 NCLB**

Discuss your interpretation of NCLB's impact on "technology in the K-12 environment"

### **4.2 Critical Questions**

This session's readings focused around:

1. Why there is an educational reform taking place and
2. How technology can aid in this educational reform.

*New Horizons for Learning* lists several critical questions educators can ask when addressing how technology might aid in this reform movement. They are:

1. How can technology help you personalize learning?
2. How can technology engage multiple intelligences?
3. How can technology bridge the digital divide in K-12 settings?
4. How can technology assist the unique learner?
5. How can technology be used to simultaneously deepen student understanding and accelerate student achievement standards?

**Address any (at least two) of the critical questions that you have a strong opinion (positive or negative) about.**

### **4.3 DC Technology Counts Report Card**

Discuss / reflect on your interpretation of DC's Technology Counts 2007 Report Card. What suggestions would you offer?