

## **Rationale Statement: Specialization Standard 6-1**

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**Outcome:** Models and teaches legal and ethical practice related to technology use.

**Evidence:** EDUC 6664 Week 1 Application

This outcome and Application assignment are, in my opinion, the most important and relevant that I have dealt with in this entire degree program. Because of the unique changing face of technology today and the specific setting in which I teach (a private Christ-centered preparatory academy), legal and ethical use of technology is a key and life-giving issue.

The vision and focus that I address are unique ... I talk about a future that requires a very different skill set than I believe most schools are currently preparing students for. Many of the current ideas about technology and the Internet, I contend, are inaccurate and obsolete. Without a clear and thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities that each person has as a citizen in a globalized interconnected world, student growth is inherently stunted.

I believe that students must have a thorough ability to process intellectual rights issues, organizational file management, communication and collaboration, and (in my school's situation) the redemption of media for God's purposes. Ultimately, issues such

as plagiarism and copyright law are a part of a bigger dialogue and decision-making process that is taking place in an open-source collaborative environment.