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# Before your next tech move, talk to a teacher

## One crucial question to ask every educator

Administrators can be teachers' biggest advocates in IT purchasing discussions. Or they can be part of the problem.

It's tempting to focus only on tactical issues. The big-picture "why" can get lost amid discussions of streamlining workflows and deploying compliant tools.

Instead, educators' career motivations should be an integral piece of any district's digital strategy. Ask what they want to achieve in their profession, and you'll glean valuable information to guide decision-making.

These conversations will strengthen administrators' advocacy and help IT leaders determine the best solutions for classrooms and school office personnel, like Lenovo ThinkPad® X1 laptops running Windows 11 and powered by Intel vPro,® An Intel® Evo™ Design, for an unrivaled education PC solution.

Rather than focusing strictly on what teachers **need** from their technology, ask what they **want** from their profession. Why did they choose to work in education?



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## Why do teachers teach?

In a recent survey of over 3,500 educators and administrators in grades pre-K through 12, respondents were asked if they would strongly recommend teaching to a young person.<sup>1</sup>

The results were bleak. Only 10% said yes.

There's opportunity in the follow-up, however. When asked why they would recommend the profession, the top two reasons were that:

01. **"Teaching is a rewarding profession."**
02. **"Teachers have the opportunity to make a difference and impact lives."**

## Create better student-teacher connections

To facilitate difference-making opportunities, provide technology that creates a positive in-class environment for every student. Consider how technology can elevate 1:1 connection and reduce disruptions for others in the room.

Prior to using the LanSchool classroom management system, one district's special education teacher would pull students out of class for a check-in. Now she uses the software's Messaging feature to chat with them digitally instead. The students don't have to leave class, disrupt the flow, or feel singled out.<sup>2</sup>

"LanSchool makes classroom management simple and easy and helps teachers create a more collaborative and impactful learning environment," says Tyler Bosmeny, CEO of the rostering portal Clever, which partners with LanSchool to cut back time spent managing class lists.<sup>3</sup>

Microsoft Teams apps running on a ThinkPad X1 powered by Intel vPro,® An Intel® Evo™ Design, can also bolster teachers' ability to form a connection with their classes. The Insights tool captures an at-a-glance view of student activity and highlights important trends, while the Reflect tool allows teachers to create a confidential Teams poll to check in with students and see how everyone's feeling.



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"The pandemic is a powerful reminder that the dedication and commitment of education personnel are assets that must be nurtured."

**Matthias Savignac,**  
President, Education and Solidarity Network<sup>4</sup>



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## Unfold new possibilities

The ThinkPad® X1 Yoga, powered by Intel vPro,® An Intel® Evo™ Design with 12th Gen Intel® Core™ i7 processors, gives multitasking teachers and staff a lift. It can be used as a laptop, tablet, or tent display. Whether in class or study hall or even recess duty, educators can move seamlessly from one interaction to the next on the accessible Windows 11 interface using touch or pen.



## Free up time in between lessons

The device teachers use to complete administrative work must also be a consideration. Are their devices giving them time to connect with students, or are they causing disruptions?

Lenovo laptops powered by Intel vPro,® An Intel® Evo™ Design, provide next-level experiences by combining real-world responsiveness and battery life with optimized performance to handle the most demanding work. With Windows 11, teachers can also automate administrative tasks like documenting classroom activity or storing responses when a student completes a quiz.

## Make play part of the experience

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is a vital part of educating today's students. When asked how they'd use one extra hour of class time per week, teachers rank SEL and "play/free time" among their top answers.<sup>1</sup>

Esports can provide opportunities for both, fostering skills like teamwork and problem solving while boosting student self-confidence with teachers in tow.

Or try providing a platform for teacher-guided social learning experiences. Lenovo's VR Classroom solution including Exploros™ with ISTE-aligned curriculum fits the bill perfectly.

## How teachers would use an extra hour of class time<sup>1</sup>

- 36%** Social and emotional learning
- 32%** Life skills
- 32%** STEM activities
- 28%** Reading time
- 28%** Play time



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## Empower educators to make a difference

Lenovo's portfolio of modern PCs is designed for transformational hybrid experiences. Equip educators with the ThinkPad X1 Series running Windows 11 and powered by Intel vPro,® An Intel® Evo™ Design, for an unrivaled education PC solution.

Let's inspire and empower the future of K-12 learning together. Explore all our solutions for teachers and administrators at [www.lenovo.com/K-12-Education](http://www.lenovo.com/K-12-Education).

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