

Chapter Twelve

Improving as a Professional

Companion Materials

Continual growth as a tech-integrated educator requires more than staying current—it calls for intentional reflection, collaboration, and connection. The companion resources curated for this chapter support educators in developing sustainable professional learning habits through digital communities, certifications, and research-informed tools.

1. Professional Organizations & Frameworks

- ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education): <https://www.iste.org>
- CAST (Center for Applied Special Technology): <https://www.cast.org>
- SITE (Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education): <https://site.aace.org>
- AECT (Association for Educational Communications and Technology): <https://aect.org>
- CoSN (Consortium for School Networking): <https://www.cosn.org>

2. Certification Programs

- Google for Education Training Center: https://edu.google.com/intl/en_us/teacher-center/
- Microsoft Educator Center: <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/training/educator-center/>
- Apple Teacher Learning Center: <https://appleteacher.apple.com/>

3. Professional Learning Networks (PLNs) & Media

- Edutopia – 'How Do I Get a PLN?': <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/how-do-i-get-a-pln-tom-whitby>
- Thoughtful Learning – 'What Does Your PLN Look Like?': <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/blogpost/what-does-your-pln-look>
- Twitter/X Hashtags: #EdChat, #PLN, #EdTech, #ISTE