

## Strategies for Conserving Power on the Netbook

The student netbooks have approximately a four-hour battery life. The three district pilots have shown that this is generally enough battery life to last the entire day even when the laptops are used bell-to-bell. However, over time the battery life will decrease. Eventually, if you use laptops all-day, bell-to-bell, you may need to implement some strategies to help conserve power.

### Strategies

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- Double check at the end of the day that all laptops are plugged in and shut down.
- Plugin laptops during lunch and during prep periods - It is usually too time-consuming to plug computers in after each use during the day, but it is a good idea to plug them in during any long stretch of time where they are not being used in order to recharge the battery.
- Have students close the lids of laptops when not being used – This will put the laptops to sleep which will conserve battery power.
- You may open the back panel of your netbook cart and take the chargers out to use for student charging if your batteries are not holding enough charge to get through the day.

