

APPROACHING DEADLINES:

March 2009	E-Rate Form 486 Deadlines Wave 29–3/5/09, Wave 30–3/19/09
March 19	Spring eLearning Course Registration Closes
April 5	Spring eLearning Courses Begin
April 2009	Downloads Available of Concurrent Session Content from Conference
April 2009	Recommended Submission of Technology Plan Draft for Districts with Plans Expiring June 30, 2009

eLearning

eTech Ohio's spring eLearning course registration closes on March 19, 2009 for courses beginning April 5. Visit <http://www.etech.ohio.gov/elearning-online-professional-development/index.dot> to register for any of our online eLearning courses. Learn how to provide professional development to your entire school district in a cost-effective, flexible and convenient 24/7 online learning environment with customizable, unique opportunities. We anticipate upgrades to our current eLearning system in the near future. Therefore, we will not be accepting registration for our summer session of 2009. Please check back for fall registration.

Conference '09

Session Handouts, Materials and Videos

Use the **Online Conference Planner** to browse or search through the entire menu of Conference 2009 session materials and videos. Session materials will include electronic resources made available by presenters. Videos of select speakers will also be made available online.

Conference Materials and Certificates of Attendance

In April be sure to check out the individual sessions online within the online planner at www.etech.ohio.gov/conference/schedule/ Certificates of Attendance may be accessed through your eTech Ohio Hall Pass. Login and go to My Applications/Transcripts to print or save a copy of your certificate.

Let Ohio on iTunes U Extend your Conference Experience

During the 11th Annual Technology Conference educators were able to get a "hands on experience" with the site in the Ohio on iTunes U pavilion. The feedback was fantastic! Hundreds of Ohio educators have performed over 83,000 downloads from the 1,520 resources available on the Ohio on iTunes site since launching in early February. Check out some of the educator professional development resources on topics such as Web 2.0, Interactive white boards and more under *Professional Development*.

The Ohio site is located within the Apple iTunes store. Once in the iTunes store, select *iTunes U* and scroll down to the *Educational Provider* container on the left hand side of the page and click *Beyond Campus*. This will open an alphabetic search where you can find *Ohio*. Creating links directly to content on Ohio on iTunes U is easy -- ask your ETC for more details.

If you are interested in highlighting best technology practices, and your district would like to join the current content providers, please contact your ETC and visit www.etech.ohio.gov/go/OhioiTunesU for further information.

Technology Plan – Expires June 30, 2009

If you are one of the many districts whose Technology Plan expires on June 30, 2009, please submit your Tech Plan by **April 2009** for review by your eTech Ohio educational technology consultant (ETC). eTech Ohio advises districts to work closely with your ETC as your tech team is developing your plan. Go to www.etech.ohio.gov/go/etc/ to locate the ETC assigned to your organization. Remember, regardless of when your district's technology plan expires, it should be updated as needed to reflect new buildings, infrastructure projects, telecommunications upgrades, etc.

Quick Link to your Technology Plan

To locate your technology plan on our new website, use the following link, www.etech.ohio.gov/technology-planning/index.dot, click on the "Access my Technology Plan(s)" link and follow the directions.

Hall Pass – If Your Account is Disabled

Hall Pass accounts are disabled after two years of inactivity. If your account has been disabled, contact customerservice@etech.ohio.gov. If you've forgotten your password, click on "Log in" then on the "Forgot your Password?" link and you'll be sent a temporary password immediately. Hall Pass is needed to access online resources such as the Technology Planning Tool, certificates of participation for the Educational Technology Conference and other continuing education offered by eTech Ohio. Please make sure your Hall Pass profile is up-to-date. You'll find the login link at the very top left corner of our website.

The Ohio School Facilities Collaboration Project

The Ohio School Facilities Collaboration (OSFC) Project would like to assist your district with vital technology decisions throughout their school facility process. The project is looking for districts that need assistance with technology assessment, technology planning, E-Rate alignment with their construction project, and other considerations relevant to preparing technology spaces. eTech Ohio will facilitate a consultation meeting with district personnel and stakeholders such as educational service centers, educational technology centers, and information technology centers. Further information is available at <http://www.etech.ohio.gov/ohio-school-facilities-collaboration-project/index.dot>. If your district leadership is interested in taking advantage of this *free* service, contact your eTech Ohio educational technology consultant for assistance.

eTech Ohio Connections

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