

eTech Ohio Update

September 2009

September 2009	E-Rate FY2008 Deadlines for Form 486 - Wave 50-9/3/09; Wave 51-9/10/09; Wave 52-9/17/09
October 7, 2009	Call for Educational Sessions at the 2010 Ohio Educational Technology Conference closes
December 2, 2009	Early Bird Registration deadline for 2010 Educational Technology Conference

Call for Educational Sessions is Now Available for the 2010 Ohio Educational Technology Conference

The theme of the 2010 Ohio Educational Technology Conference, P-20 Conversations: Shaping a Path for the 21st Century Student, addresses the need to provide seamless technology integration throughout students' careers. Reflecting this year's theme, eTech Ohio sought the participation and collaboration of Ohio Learning Network (OLN), OhioLink, Ohio Resource Center (ORC) and OARnet to provide a premiere professional development event for all of us - teachers, faculty, librarians, instructional designers, administrators, students, and technicians.

Together, we are planning a Conference that provides you with high quality educational offerings that are relevant to your career. From interactive sessions, research presentations, hands-on labs, national keynote speakers, networking opportunities and a classroom of the future, this year's Conference will re-energize you.

In exchange for presenting a session or display, the presenter and co-presenter(s) will receive complimentary registration for the day of the presentation!

3 Types of Proposals

- In the room: 45-minute sessions of a variety of formats that are held concurrently in breakout rooms
- On the board: full-day poster displays located in the interactive Technology for Learning Center
- Out of the box: highly interactive, hands-on sessions that are held in the Technology for Learning Center

All proposals must be submitted through the online proposal system which is built within Hall Pass - eTech Ohio's online user account system. You must be registered in Hall Pass to begin the proposal process. The deadline to submit a proposal is **October 7, 2009**.

Visit <http://www.etech.ohio.gov/conference/register/presenters.dot> to learn more about submitting a proposal today!

District Professional Development Grants

Due to a significant reduction in funding, the District Professional Development Grant program has been eliminated. The elimination of the grant program has, in part, been motivated by the belief that eTech Ohio can serve a larger number of teachers, administrators, and technology staff through the provision of online professional development resources than through support for time and place bound courses and workshops. These online resources can be available at any time and place and can be frequently and

rapidly updated when needed. Over the course of the upcoming year, you will see a rapidly expanding number of professional development resources on technology integration become available through the eTech Ohio web site. These resources will complement our continuation of the Ohio Educational Technology Conference.

Ohio K-12 Network Funding for FY 2010 - Building Connectivity Payments

During FY10, Ohio K-12 connectivity payments will be issued in two installments of \$1,000 per eligible building. Approximately 50% of the funding will be issued during the application period between September and the end of October 2009. The remainder of the funding will then be issued in the January/February timeframe, unless a building was closed during the first semester. For additional information regarding the Ohio K-12 Network please visit www.etech.ohio.gov/ohio-k-12-network/index.dot.

E-Rate Reminders

- BEAR Forms (472) for FY2008 must be postmarked or received no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service, or no later than 120 days after the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later.
- The FY2009 Form 486 deadline is 120 days from the date of the FCDL or the start of the funding year, July 1, 2009, whichever is later. Applicants that received FCDLs in Waves 1-10, which were issued prior to July 1, will have a Form 486 deadline of 10/29/2009.
- The October 2009 and December 2010 E-Rate Workshop Schedule is now available at www.etech.ohio.gov/e-rate-technical-assistance-program/index.dot
- *Maintenance Notice: The USAC Schools and Libraries "Apply Online" page will be unavailable until September 14, 2009 at 8 AM E.S.T.

Podcasts for Administrators

In response to the growing need for professional development for administrators, eTech Ohio is providing access to featured podcasts through links gathered from the educational technology community on eTech Ohio's new Administrator's web page. Compiled and categorized for ease of use, these resources support the newly adopted 2009 Administrator ISTE standards for continuing professional development. Take a few minutes each month for your own professional development and check out our featured podcasts at www.etech.ohio.gov/go/podcastsforadmin.

School Facilities Consultation Services: Why is consultation important during your project?

eTech Ohio educational technology consultants (ETCs) are facilitating consultations with district leadership and stakeholders to help schools assess technology needs, design spaces for technology, and manage costs. These consultation services will provide information on the design of technology within the new facility will be discussed along with educational goals established in the district's technology plan. Consultations beyond the initial meeting will help guide technology choices and avoid unnecessary costs through construction change orders. eTech Ohio also invites regional technology partners (Information Technology Centers, Educational Technology Agencies, and Educational Service Centers) to participate in the consultation to provide input and identify connections to direct services impacted by the school construction process. Contact eTech Ohio for more information.

Technology Planning and your TPT

During the past school year, most public schools throughout Ohio utilized the Technology Planning Tool (TPT) to revise or create a technology plan. Please extend our thanks and appreciation to your technology planning committee members for their hard work and diligence in planning and documenting your organization's future technology initiatives. The planning process doesn't end with an approved or certified plan. It's important to first communicate your plan with all stakeholders in your organization such as via a PDF on your webpage. The next step is to review your technology plan and formulate a step-by-step timeline to implement your plan. Be sure to include all the people and tasks that need to be addressed. It's also important to **print a copy of your certification letter and include it in your "E-Rate file."** Your certification letter is also available in your TPT archive.

SOITA provides timely PD with “Step-By-Step Videos: ProgressBook” at Ohio on iTunes U

The Southwestern Ohio Instructional Technology Association (SOITA) is a non-profit educational technology agency that serves southwestern Ohio schools. SOITA has provided professional development videos on ProgressBook, a popular and powerful online grading tool used by many public and private schools across Ohio. SOITA has made learning the many features of ProgressBook easy by breaking this series of videos down into the ten most important tasks teachers must do. Teachers can learn all of the features of ProgressBook by watching the videos in sequence or refresh their memory by just watching specific tracks. To download these and many other professional development tracks, go to: www.etech.ohio.gov/go/iohiotunesu, click on the SOITA/ProgressBook icon, and click on “get tracks” to download these files for new or returning teachers this school year.

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