



Technology Funding Alert!

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It's Time for the 2003 State Technology Survey

In our last issue we provided you with information about the 2003 California School Technology Survey. A collaborative effort of the California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP) regions and the California Department of Education (CDE), the survey collects data annually to measure progress of integrating technology into California classrooms. The window for completing the 2003 California School Technology Survey for the purpose of the annual statewide school technology report is **January 6, 2003 through March 17, 2003**.

It's important to note that completion of the School Technology Survey is a requirement for education technology grants administered by the CDE. Timelines to meet the technology survey requirements of the Digital High School (DHS) Program, Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Formula and Competitive, School Renovation Technology, and AB99 grants are listed in the table below.

2003 School Technology Survey Completion Dates

Program	Technology Survey is Required	Who Completes the Survey	Due Date for Completion
Digital High School Year 4 Final Year of Installation Grant	During the grant	All funded schools and the district	By 3-17-03
Digital High School TSST	During the grant	All funded schools and the district	By 3-17-03
EETT Formula-Funded Grants	During the grant	All schools in the funded district and the district	By 3-17-03
EETT Competitive Grants	During the grant	All funded schools and the district	By 3-17-03
School Renovation Technology Grants	Before applying During the grant	All applicants must complete the survey as a requirement of the application. All funded schools and the district as a condition of the grant	By 6-30-02 By 3-17-03
AB99 – DHS TSST	During the grant	All funded schools and the district	By 3-30-03

Because some grants use the School Technology Survey data for calculating grant awards, it is very important that the survey data are accurate and complete. Districts are urged to assign a coordinator to help ensure the accurate and timely completion of the survey. School staff should work closely with the district coordinator. A letter from the CDE announcing the 2003 survey has been sent to principals and superintendents. Passwords are being e-mailed to the Superintendent. If you have questions about the survey, please contact your county-level CTAP specialist, or e-mail Jim Freese at jfreese@acoe.k12.ca.us. For more information, visit the CDE web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/edtech> and click on *2003 California School Technology Survey*.

GRANTS

Verizon Foundation

The foundation is interested in funding innovative projects/programs with technology elements in literacy, community technology development and workforce development.

Contact—Please direct questions to Carolyn Henke, Spec-Community Dev., Verizon One GTE Place, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362,

carol.henke@telops.gte.com.

Web Site—foundation.verizon.com

Deadline—January 1, 2003–November 30, 2003

Eligibility—Public K-12 schools registered with the National Center for Education Statistics or nonprofit agencies

Awards—Cash grants, eSolutions, Verizon Volunteers, and In-Kind Donation programs are available.

Beaumont Foundation of America

The Beaumont Foundation will provide technology equipment grants to under-served schools and communities with the goal of bridging the digital divide, enhancing teaching and learning through the maximum use of technology, improving student academic achievement by integrating technology into classroom instruction and supporting curriculum alignment, encouraging online and on-site professional development, and establishment of partnerships designed to increase access to technology.

Contact—Questions may be directed to 617-282-9798, 866-505-2667, or info@bmtfoundation.com.

Web Site—www.bmtfoundation.com/grants

Deadline—January 6, 2003–March 31, 2003 (Applications will be accepted on the Web site beginning January 6, 2003.)

Eligibility—K-12 public, private or charter schools where a minimum of 50% of students qualify for the National School Lunch Program and with the staff dedicated to promoting technology-based education solutions. Grants to community-based organizations and individuals are also available.

Awards—\$5.7M is targeted for the state of California for 2003, with an expected 29-95 grants, ranging from \$60,000–\$200,000 each, in state-of-the-art Toshiba branded computers and other hardware.

Local Arts Education Partnership Program (LAEP)

The goal of the LAEP program, offered by the California Arts Council, in partnership with the California Department of Education, is to provide matching grants for planning and/or implementing comprehensive and inclusive visual and performing arts education programs in public school districts. In addition to dance, music, theatre and visual art, the program may also include other arts disciplines such as folk arts, cinematography, video, electronic media, and the writing of scripts and poetry.

Contact—Questions may be directed to Laurie Heller, California Arts Council, 916-322-6347, lheller@caartscouncil.com or Nancy Carr, CDE, 916-455-5669, ncarr@cde.ca.gov.

Web Site—www.cac.ca.gov/programs/description/laep.cfm

Deadline—February 28, 2003

Eligibility—Consortia of local arts agencies, school districts or county offices of education, other community arts organizations and institutes of higher education

Awards—Matching grants of \$20,000 per year for three years

Reach-A-Star Foundation Grants

The foundation awards grants in three categories: 1) *K-8 Educational Project Grants* are designed to provide diverse and cross-disciplinary learning opportunities in the areas of general development, environmental awareness, arts & culture, business & economics and civic functions; 2) *Teachers' Professional Development Grants* that offer professional development programs targeting teachers and educators of K-8th grade children; and 3) *Educational Mini-Grants* to teachers and educators for a specific event or small project. Projects involving creative uses of technology are included.

Contact—Questions may be directed to 1-866-373-STAR (7827), info@reachastar.org, or P.O. Box 5753, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Web Site—www.reachastar.org

Deadline—March 1, 2003, September 1, 2003 (*Project and Professional Development Grants*) Ongoing (*Mini-Grants*)

Eligibility—K-8 public or private teachers/schools and educational nonprofit agencies located in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo

Awards—*Project Grants* up to \$5,000 each, *Professional Development Grants* up to \$2,000 each, and *Mini-Grants* up to \$500 each

Arts@Work Grants

Sponsored by the NEA Foundation, the Arts@Work grant program encourages public secondary school arts teachers to collaborate with expert technology-using teachers and the business community to develop examples of technology-integrated arts curricula that meet high standards for student achievement. Applicants and their partners will incorporate technology (including computer, multimedia, video, hand-held, and internetworking technology) into standards-based arts curriculum.

Contact—Questions may be directed to info@nfie.org.

Web Site—www.nfie.org/programs/artsatwork.htm

Deadline—March 3, 2003

Eligibility—Public secondary school arts teachers must collaborate with a school technology coordinator or other teacher responsible for teaching with technology. Others involved in the project may include members of the arts and entertainment industry, business leaders, artists, education support professionals, higher education faculty, district administrators, or arts magnet school coordinators.

Awards—12 grants of \$5,000 each

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Oracle Help Us Help Foundation

The Oracle Help Us Help Foundation is a nonprofit organization that assists K-12 public schools and youth organizations in economically challenged communities through grants of computer equipment and software.

Contact—Please direct questions to 1-866-600-4357, or HelpUsHelp_@oracle.com.

Web Site—www.helpushelp.org

Deadline—February 28, 2003, August 31, 2003 (Submit your Online Preliminary Application early. The foundation accepts a limited number of applications each cycle and stops accepting new applications once the maximum is reached.)

Eligibility—K-12 public schools, public charter schools and nonprofit organizations that serve low-income youth (See Web site for specific eligibility criteria.)

Awards—Grant packages are structured to outfit one, three or six classrooms with five iMac computers and one Kyocera Mita laser printer each. Professional training is provided.

3M Salute to Schools Program

3M™, in cooperation with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), will donate 3M Detection Systems to middle and high school library media centers.

Contact—For more information, contact the AASL office at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4383, or aasl@ala.org.

Web Site—www.ala.org/aasl/3msalute.html

Deadline—March 1, 2003

Eligibility—Junior/middle or senior high schools with an enrollment of 500 or more students

Awards—\$1.5 million in 3M Detection Systems to 100 middle and high school library media centers

2003-2005 SmarterKids Connections Program

The SmarterKids Foundation equips schools with leading-edge technology, provides teacher training and promotes collaborative learning projects. The Connections Program requires a two-year commitment from the participating schools.

Contact—For more information, contact the Connections Program Manager at info@smarterkids.org or 403-802-2549.

Web Site—www.smarterkids.org/k12/connections/index.asp

Deadline—March 13, 2003

Eligibility—Public or private not-for-profit K-6 schools that house grades 5 and 6 classrooms in the same building and are dedicated to the effective use of technology in the classroom

National School Fitness Foundation Offers Grants to Schools for Free Athletic Equipment

The National School Fitness Foundation seeks to improve the overall level of health, wellness, and fitness, particularly among school youth in grades K-12, by providing grants of free athletic equipment. Comprehensive Fitness Centers and proven curriculum, with state-of-the-art exercise equipment, computerized assessment tools, software and staff training/certification will be provided to K-12 schools who meet the eligibility criteria, at no cost. For further information and a pre-qualification checklist, please visit their Web site at www.fitnessfoundation.org.

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Technology Opportunities Program

The Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) awards grants through an annual competition. In FY 2002, Congress appropriated \$12.4 million for grants through the Commerce Department's Technology Opportunities Program. As information on the FY 2003 grant round becomes available, it will be posted on the TOP web site (<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/top/grants/application.htm>). Please check the web site frequently for updates. If funding for TOP is appropriated for FY 2003, and you are considering submitting a grant application, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the resources on this Web site (e.g., FY 2002 guidelines for preparing application, searchable database of previously funded proposals) prior to announcement of the FY 2003 grant round.

Awards—8-10 schools will each receive a maximum of two SMART Board interactive whiteboards and Floor Stand 570s and NEC VT650 projector.

AWARDS/COMPETITIONS/ SCHOLARSHIPS

Inspiration Software's Fifth Annual Inspired Teacher Scholarships for Visual Learning

These professional development scholarships are offered to educators who integrate visual learning and technology into their curricula.

Contact—Please direct questions to 1-800-877-4292 or marketing@inspiration.com.

Web Site—www.inspiration.com/prodev/index.cfm?fuseaction=scholarship

Deadline—February 28, 2003

Eligibility—Educators in K-12 schools or institutes of higher education, including technology coordinators, library media specialists and curriculum coordinators

Awards—30 scholarships of \$750 each will be awarded to defray the costs associated with attending a workshop, conference, or graduate course that focuses on visual learning and technology in education.

Craftsman/NSTA Young Inventors Awards Program

The Craftsman/NSTA Young Inventors Awards Program challenges students to use creativity and imagination along with science, technology, and mechanical ability to invent or modify a tool.

Contact—Please direct questions to 1-888-494-4994 or younginventors@nsta.org

Web Site—www.nsta.org/programs/craftsman/

Deadline—March 4, 2003

Eligibility—Students in grades 2-8 with guidance from a teacher-advisor, parent, or other significant adult

Awards—U.S. Savings Bonds will be awarded in several categories, ranging from \$500-\$10,000 each (Please see Web site for details.)