



# Technology Funding Alert!

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## Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Competitive Grants

The California Department of Education (CDE) has released the RFA for 2003-04 EETT competitive grants, which will distribute approximately \$40 million in federal funding to districts in California through a competitive program, enacted through state legislation (SB192).

Eligible districts and direct-funded charter schools will compete regionally within each of the established eleven CTAP regions. The amount of funding for grants available in each region is based upon the proportionate enrollment of pupils in Grades 4 to 8 in eligible schools from that region. Thirty districts and charter schools are eligible to apply in Region IV. They are listed in the table below.

The application process involves two steps—the submission of the district technology plan by December 10, 2003, and the submission of the competitive application

narrative by January 14, 2004. The technology plan must pass state-level review for compliance with federal technology plan regulations. Plans that passed state review for EETT formula funding last year do not need to be resubmitted. The RFA for the additional application narrative is available for download at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/edtech/eett>.

The priority of awarding funds was determined by legislation, and it is anticipated that funds this cycle will only be awarded to the top priority schools identified in SB192 middle and junior high schools. Schools listed in the successful districts' applications will receive an initial one-time implementation grant of \$200 per pupil for the 03-04 school year, with an additional \$100 per pupil during the 04-05 school year. After the successful completion of the initial grant, the schools qualify to receive a one-time grant of \$45 per

pupil. A minimum of twenty-five percent of the funds must be used for high-quality professional development in the use of technology aligned with state academic content standards.

The goals for Enhancing Education Through Technology are to improve student academic achievement through technology, to help every student become technologically literate by the end of eighth grade, and to encourage the effective integration of technology into classroom instruction. There is a strong focus on students reaching state content standards. There will be a rigorous evaluation process and schools must make adequate yearly progress towards achieving their objectives.

CTAP staff will be providing support to districts writing EETT competitive applications. For more information, contact Micheline LeBlanc (510) 670-7704 or email [mleblanc@acoec.k12.ca.us](mailto:mleblanc@acoec.k12.ca.us).

### Districts and Charter Schools Eligible for EETT Competitive Funds

County	District/Charter School	County	District/Charter School
<b>Alameda</b>	Alameda City Unified	<b>Marin</b>	Novato Unified
	Berkeley Unified		San Rafael City Elementary
	Fremont Unified	<b>Napa</b>	Napa Valley Unified
	Hayward Unified		San Francisco Unified
	Livermore Valley Joint Unified	<b>San Francisco</b>	The Jump Academy
	New Haven Unified		Jefferson Elementary
	Oakland Unified		Ravenswood City Elementary
	San Leandro Unified	<b>San Mateo</b>	Redwood City Elementary
	San Lorenzo Unified		San Mateo-Foster City Elementary
	Bay Area School of Enterprise		South San Francisco Unified
	University Preparatory Charter Academy		Garfield Charter School
<b>Contra Costa</b>	Antioch Unified	<b>Solano County</b>	Fairfield-Suisun Unified
	Mt. Diablo Unified		Vacaville Unified
	Pittsburg Unified		Vallejo City Unified
	West Contra Costa Unified		Mare Island Technology (MIT) Academy Middle School

### Acer America's "Wi-Fi 101" A Wireless Initiative for K-12 Schools

Acer America Corporation recently launched "Wi-Fi 101," an innovative program that will provide **free wireless access points and installation** to select K-12 schools nationwide. With the support of Intel Corporation, Acer America will canvas and select one school in each qualified school district for "Wi-Fi 101," with up to 120 schools participating nationwide for the program. A simple site inspection will determine if a candidate school has an appropriate network infrastructure in place to support the wireless environment. The installation of the wireless access points requires no funding or manpower contribution on the part of schools or district personnel. Interested schools are invited to fill out a form at the company's web site. For additional information, visit their website at <http://www.acer.com/wifi101>. **Hurry and register online, by email or fax—available spots are becoming limited.**

### GRANTS

#### Best Buy te@ch Program

The Best Buy's Children's Foundation supports schools and educators using technology to make learning fun. The te@ch program awards \$2500 grants to schools in recognition of programs or projects that creatively integrate interactive technology into the curriculum. Schools don't need to have used the most current technology. The te@ch program is interested in how schools are creatively using what they have to make learning fun for students.

**Contact**—CommunityRelations@BestBuy.com  
**Web Site**—www.bestbuy.com (Click on “Community Relations” at the bottom of the page.)  
**Deadline**—December 31, 2003 (Applications will be reviewed and selections made on a rolling basis. The earlier your application is received, the better your chances of receiving a te@ch grant.)

**Eligibility**—K-12 public, private or parochial schools must be within 25 miles of a Best Buy store. There are 85 stores in California. (To find this information, use the store locator link located on the K-12 Eligibility Section of the grant program information page at the web site.)

**Awards**—1,200 \$2,500 grants will be awarded nationwide

### California Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant Program (CaMSP)

The CaMSP grant program seeks to establish partnerships to improve the academic achievement of students in mathematics and science. The focus is to create opportunities for enhanced and ongoing professional development for mathematics teachers in grades five through algebra and science teachers in grades four through eight.

**Contact**—Yvonne Evans, 916-323-5252, yevans@cde.ca.gov or

**Web Site**—www.cde.ca.gov/funding/profile.asp?id=342

**Deadline**—January 16, 2004

**Eligibility**—Partnerships between an eligible local educational agency (LEA) and eligible departments of an institution of higher education (IHE). County offices of education, individual schools, additional LEAs, IHEs, or other organizations concerned about mathematics and science education may also participate in the partnership. The lead partner must be a high-need LEA (one that serves a student population where at least 40% of students qualify for the National School Lunch Program).

**Awards**—\$13M available

## AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

### ThinkQuest

Sponsored by the Oracle Help us Help Foundation, ThinkQuest is an international competition where student teams engage in collaborative, project-based learning to create educational web sites. Teams will have approximately 5 months to work on their website. There are two ThinkQuest competitions each school year. The contest cycles start October 2003 and April 2004 with a different selection of topics each cycle.

## Microsoft-California Class Action Settlement

A Microsoft Class Action Settlement will provide up to \$1.1 billion worth of vouchers that California consumers and businesses can redeem toward purchase of computer equipment. **Claim forms are due by March 15, 2004** and are available at the Web site listed below or by calling 1-800-203-9995. Two-thirds of unclaimed vouchers will be distributed to California public schools with 40% of their students from low-income households. If your school district does not fall into that category, there is another way to benefit: Consumers are free to donate their settlement vouchers to others. Up to \$650 worth of vouchers that a class member receives can be transferred to others, but vouchers can be transferred only once. A person, business or charity may not redeem more than \$10,000 in transferred vouchers. For more details, claim forms and the settlement agreement, see <<http://www.microsoftsettlement.com/>>.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed to ThinkQuest Program staff: Dr. David Richards, dave.richards@oracle.com or Ms. Maya Mirt, maya.mirt@oracle.com.

**Web Site**—www.thinkquest.org

**Deadline**—October 2003 (Registration Opens); February 29, 2004 (Website Submission Deadline)

**Eligibility**—Student teams between the ages of 9 and 19 from public and private schools, along with their teacher-facilitator or “coach.” Each team must consist of one primary coach and at least 3 students, with a maximum of 6 students total. The team may also include one additional coach to assist the primary coach.

**Awards**—Three prizes are awarded in each of the three divisions (12 and under, 15 and under, 19 and under) along with an overall Best of Topic prize for each subject area. Each winning team member (students and the primary coach) will be eligible to attend a trip to ThinkQuest Live @ OracleWorld in San Francisco, CA. Winning web sites will also earn special recognition in the ThinkQuest Library.

### ExploraVision Awards

Sponsored by Toshiba and National Science Teachers Association, the purpose of the competition is to encourage students to combine their imaginations with the tools of science to create and explore a vision of a future technology.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed to 1-800-EXPLOR9; e-mail: exploravision@nsta.org

**Web Site**—www.exploravision.org

**Deadline**—February 3, 2004

**Eligibility**—Students in grades K-12 in public, private or home schools work in groups of two, three or four simulating research and development teams, along with a team coach and an optional mentor

**Awards**—24 regional winning teams will receive U.S. Savings Bonds, ranging from \$5,000-\$10,000. Each student on the 24 regional winning teams will receive a Toshiba digital camera. National finalist team members and their parents/guardians will travel to Washington, D.C. in June for ExploraVision Awards Weekend where they will be recognized for their outstanding achievement. Schools of the 24 regional winning teams will each receive a Toshiba laptop computer, which will be used by the regional winning teams to create their Web sites. Every student team member and coach/mentor who enters the competition with a complete entry will receive a certificate of participation and a small gift.

## HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative

([http://grants.hp.com/us/programs/tech\\_teaching/index.html](http://grants.hp.com/us/programs/tech_teaching/index.html))

This grant initiative is designed to support the innovative use of technology in K-16 education, and to help identify K-12 schools and higher education institutions that HP might support with future grants. Based on the outcomes of the projects funded through this initiative in 2004, HP will offer grant recipients the opportunity to apply for additional, higher-value grants in 2005.

The HP Technology for Teaching Grant initiative will provide hardware, professional development, support and small stipends to approximately 150 teacher teams. Each successful team of 5 teachers will receive the following for each team member: HP Tablet PC, HP Multimedia projector, HP Help Desk Technical Support for 1 year, \$500 stipend, customized professional development

The website ([www.hp.com/go/hpteach](http://www.hp.com/go/hpteach)) opens for grant proposal submissions on January 15, 2004. Registration of your intent to apply is encouraged, but not necessary to apply for the grant. **Applications are due March 1, 2004.**

## PRODUCT DONATIONS

### Student TECH CORPS Grant

Sponsored by Dell Computers, Student TECH CORPS is a new program from TECH CORPS, offering core technology training and certification to middle school students, and then harnessing their knowledge to power a Student-Run Help Desk to provide technical support in their schools.

**Contact**—Please direct questions to TECH CORPS at [info@techcorps.org](mailto:info@techcorps.org).

**Web Site**—[www.studenttechcorps.org/grant](http://www.studenttechcorps.org/grant) (Online Application Required)

**Deadline**—December 15, 2003

**Eligibility**—Middle schools, have some Dell computers, apply online

**Awards**—Two middle schools will be selected to receive: 1) 30 hours of core technology training and testing for up to 25 middle school students; 2) software, processes, and guidance to support implementing a student-run Help Desk in the school; 3) a team of IT volunteers to assist.

### 2nd Annual Math911 Grant Program

This grant provides a free, 24 multi-user license of Professor Weissman's Math911 algebra software, valued at \$2,400. Applicants must download and try out one copy of the software, then write a brief explanation of how and why this software will be integrated into the curriculum.

**Contact**—Professor Martin Weissman, 347-528-7837, [mathprof@hotmail.com](mailto:mathprof@hotmail.com)

**Web Site**—[www.math911.com/grant.htm](http://www.math911.com/grant.htm)

**Deadline**—December 31, 2003

**Eligibility**—Middle and secondary schools, colleges and universities, other nonprofit agencies

**Awards**—24-multi-user algebra software, valued at \$2400