



Technology Funding Alert!

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It's Time for the 2004 State Technology Survey

With the New Year, comes the time to complete the 2004 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 2004 California School Technology Survey for the purpose of the annual statewide school technology report is **January 7, 2004 through March 19, 2004**.

It's important to note that completion of the School Technology Survey is a requirement for education technology grants administered by the CDE, including the Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Formula and Competitive funds.

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 2004 survey and including the required passwords has been sent to district superintendents and principals of direct-funded charter schools. If you have questions about the survey, please contact your county-level CTAP specialist, or e-mail Jim Freese at jfreese@acoec.k12.ca.us. For more information visit the CDE web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/edtechsurvey/index.html>.

PRODUCT DONATIONS

2004 3M Salute to Schools

3M, in cooperation with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), will donate \$1.5 million in 3M Detection Systems and Tattle-Tape Security Strips to 100 middle and high school library media centers.

Contact—For more information, contact: AASL Awards Program, 800-545-2433, ext. 4383, or aasl@ala.org

Web Site—www.ala.org/aasl

Deadline—March 1, 2004

Eligibility—Schools must be junior/middle or senior high schools with an enrollment of 500 or more students and must employ a full-time, state-certified library media specialist.

Awards—100 donations of up to \$25,000 (depending upon the physical requirements of a library media center)

Enhancing Teaching and Learning with the Web Grant Program

Offered by Docutek, this grant program provides educational institutions with a customized version of Docutek's Web-based school communication system (Docutek at School) for two years. Remote web hosting of the system is included, as is training and access to a users group consisting of current and past grant recipients as well as teachers and technology specialists at all schools using the system.

Contact—Dr. Philip Kesten at 650-989-6358, pkesten@docutek.com

Web Site—www.docutek.com/products/at_school/grant.html

Deadline—March 15, 2004

Eligibility—Public school districts, local and regional boards of education and individual schools that intend to pilot the system for the district or board of education

Awards—Customized and fully supported Docutek atSchool systems, including training

GRANTS

21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)

The 21st CCLC program provides funding for after school or before and after school programs that serve disadvantaged K-12 students. Programs must include academic assistance and educational enrichment components and must address family literacy needs of adult family members.

Contact—Jane Ross, 916-319-0200, jaross@cde.ca.gov

Web Site—www.cde.ca.gov/funding/profile.asp?id=360

Deadline—March 4, 2004

Eligibility—Local education agencies (LEA) serving Title I schools in need of improvement and that are jointly submitted by LEAs and a community-based organization or other public or private entity

Awards—From \$29M in total funding, core funding is reimbursable based on \$5.00/day/student for after school programs to a maximum of \$75,000 for elementary and \$100,000 for middle/junior high school programs (see web site for additional award information).

San Francisco Foundation Grants

In the area of education, the foundation makes grants for arts education programs and programs designed to increase publicly

funded schools' ability to help children and youth succeed in school.

Contact—Suzanne Tacheny, Education Program Officer, 415-733-8529, sat@sff.org

Web Site—www.sff.org/grantmaking/documents/GrantGuidelines.doc

Deadline—March 15, 2004 (Letters of Intent), June 2004 (Proposals by Invitation Only)

Eligibility—Public schools and nonprofit agencies located in and/or serving Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties

Awards—Grants range from \$500-\$200,000, with an average of \$25,000

Technical Assistance—"How to Apply" workshops are offered monthly. To register for the next workshop, call 415-733-8500, or send an email to rec@sff.org, or visit the workshop web page at:

www.sff.org/grantmaking/signup.html.

Win a Chance for Free Software, Training and Equipment (<http://www.hp.com/go/discoursechallenge>)

Hewlett-Packard and Educational Testing Service (ETS) have partnered to bring teachers the opportunity to win free software, training and equipment by taking the "Discourse Challenge." Discourse software by ETS is a teaching tool that gives teachers instant feedback about their instruction and student learning. Try Discourse Starter Edition in your classroom for at least 30 days and complete an essay describing the benefits of Discourse in helping improve teacher productivity and student outcomes. Please visit their web site for further information.

Digi-Block Grant Program

The Digi-Block® Grant offers teachers and teacher groups the opportunity to apply for materials and training valued up to \$5,000. These may include curriculum development and implementation projects, staff development and training, after-school programs or co-curricular activities, and innovative assessment techniques using the Digi-Block Learning System.

Contact—Please direct questions to 1-888-834-4466, grants@digi-block.com

Web Site—www.digi-block.com/grant/

Deadline—April 9, 2004

Eligibility—Teacher or teacher groups of grades K-6

Awards—Materials and training valued up to \$5,000

Print Art Educational Program

Lexmark's Print Art Educational Program is an initiative designed to expand and enrich the art and cultural education resources in school districts through the donation of high-resolution printers and art curriculum resources. This unique initiative uses digital technology and photo quality printers to bring 19th century European masterpieces to 21st century students.

Contact—Maria Gambrell, 859-232-6707, mgambrel@lexmark.com

Web Site—www.lexmark.com/US/corporate/printart/index.html

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—School districts

Awards—Color inkjet printers; "Print Gallery" CD-ROM, which includes software and approximately 100 high-resolution works of art from the great museums of Europe. Each school also receives a teacher's guide with sample lesson plans. In addition, program participants are eligible

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 www.microsoftsettlement.com 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/>.

Win a Free TiVo for Your School and Other Prizes

(www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/contest.html)

Now through March 31, 2004, high school educators, administrators and library staff can subscribe to the "FRONTLINE Planner," a free electronic newsletter for teachers, and be automatically entered to win prizes for their school. The "FRONTLINE Planner" includes news about new documentaries from the PBS series and information for bringing these films to the classroom. The newsletter is issued once each month throughout the school year.

Three new subscribers will receive a TiVo Digital Video Recorder for their school. This prize includes a product lifetime subscription to the TiVo service (to learn more about TiVo visit <http://www.tivo.com>). In addition, the subscribing teacher will receive a \$50 Staples gift certificate. Another three winners will receive three films of their choice from the FRONTLINE archives and a \$50 Staples gift certificate. Please visit their web site for further information.

to receive one donated inkjet cartridge for every three inkjet cartridges purchased. Shipping is free of charge.

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.

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—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.

Craftsman/NSTA Young Inventor's Award 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. Students must work independently to conceive and design their tool inventions. The student, with guidance from a teacher-advisor, parent, or significant adult, will design and build a tool.

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

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

Deadline—March 16, 2004

Eligibility—Students in grades 2-8

Awards—Two national winners (one from grades 2-5 and one from grades 6-8) will each receive a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond. Ten national finalists (five from each grade category) will each receive a \$5,000 U.S. Savings Bond. The winning teachers and schools will receive prizes from Sears, Roebuck and Co. retail stores. Twelve second-place regional winners (six from each grade category) will each receive a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond. Twelve third-place regional winners (six from each grade category) will each receive a \$250 U.S. Savings Bond.

HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative

(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) 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.**