

DID YOU KNOW

Internet Safety Tips for Teachers - <http://www.netalert.net.au/03762-Internet-Safety-Tips-for-Teachers.asp>

It can be a daunting task being in a classroom or computer lab with a group of students surfing the web. Are they on task? Is their time being spent effectively or are they just wasting time?

Try the following:

- Understand the various issues to do with Internet safety before you enter the classroom. Download the [teaching resources](#) from the [NetAlert CyberSafe Schools project](#).
- Make sure you are as prepared as possible in knowing what the computers are capable of doing.
- Understand what filter and child protection software is installed on the school computer systems.
- Once the class has started, but before the computers are turned on, discuss what is expected when the students are online.
- Remind the students of any Acceptable Usage Policies they have agreed to.
- Avoid letting students search and wander - they could end up entering areas that are unsafe. Select a few sites of interest and stay focused.
- Look out for students turning off monitors quickly, laughing at something on the screen, grouping around someone else's computer or looking embarrassed. These are all warning signs for potential trouble.
- Reward students who are acting responsibly in the class when on the Internet. Make them a positive role model for the rest of the class.

- Display positive messages around the classroom to reinforce the importance of Internet safety.
- Instead of banning everything that the students enjoy (chat rooms and email for example), investigate ways in which you can use these technologies to enhance the teaching and learning experience.

EDUCATORS'S LINGO

"A Lexicon of Learning"

What Educators Mean When They Say. . .

Ever wondered what educators mean when they refer to "authentic assessment" or "Bloom's Taxonomy"?

Education, like all professions, has a specialized vocabulary that parents and others may have a difficult time understanding. This online dictionary, "A Lexicon of Learning", provides clear definitions of educational terms in everyday language

The link below will provide you with an alphabetized list of terms.

<http://www.ascd.org/portal/site/ascd/menuitem.4247f922ca8c9ecc8c2a9410d3108a0c/>

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Members present: Karen Anderson (HS), Ida Balko (Tech Office), Jeff Bennett (HS), Larry Bourland (MS), Wayne Brown (EL), John Budd (MS), Sharee Burdick (HS), Therese Edwards (EL), Jeff Haston (MS), Judy Johnson (EL), Dian Leckrone (EL), Jim Stewart (EL), Tim Vagts (EL), Tina Vansyckle (HS), Jennifer Varney (Tech Office)

1. 9-12 METS

- a. Tina Vansyckle and Karen Anderson discussed the METS at the high school level and found very little portfolio evidence – found holes in lifelong learning.
- b. Large concern about meeting METS now that IT Core is no

longer a required course at the high school. Where will we meet the METS?

- c. The idea is to integrate the technology within core classes. We will need to have a deliberate plan to meet the METS now that we can not solely rely on the Business Department to tackle these issues.

2. Tech Goals – Groups: pg 11 in District Technology Plan 2006-2009

- a. Reviewed article questioning the value in school software
- b. Jennifer Varney asked that we focus on goal 4 and truly identify student achievement –example: Study Island – Tim Vagts has staff and students using this. So far so good. Good discussion, Jeff Haston brought up elementary concerns of time, how to support, etc. Therese Edwards, Tim Vagts and Jennifer Varney explained the plans for addressing these things.
- c. High School/Alternative remediation – How do we supply students with challenging curriculum at varying levels and keep the teacher sane?
Investigating Nova Net and Plato

3. 8th grade tech lit assessment

April 25th, need to do this before May as the subscription from the ISD runs out and will not be renewed. Better questions this year. Will have to report, needs to be 70% per state recommendations.

4. **4th grade survey questions** – Changes to wording of particular questions that were confusing.
5. **Parent Resource Tab Information** – Teri Terry put idea out to MAME and received good response for a parent tab. Asked all members to review information that is posted on Blackboard about what should be included in a Parent tab.
6. **Blackboard changes** – All instructors must export classes before June to ensure it is not lost. Discussion board items could be lost. ISD will now be responsible for inputting students. We have requested all 5-12 grade students be enrolled.
7. **Screen Coder 4** – Software that provides online tutorials. Currently available to Jennifer Varney.
8. **Blog – Podcasts** – How will we be able to implement for classroom work?
9. **Vista and Office 2007 Webinar** – Like to do a sample presentation of Vista or Office 2007 go to www.course.com/events/webinars.cfm. We

will not be implementing Vista or Office 2007 next year.

10. **Internet Safety materials to distribute** – Will distribute material to administrators to hand out with report cards during parent teacher conferences.
11. **“What If” PowerPoint.**

TTI COMPUTERS

The District Technology Committee determined at the DTC meeting on April 19th, 2007 that TTI laptops and other TTI technologies would remain on Long-Term Loan to teachers through the 2007-08 school year. Under this loan agreement, TTI equipment is the responsibility of the teacher for repairs and maintenance and needs to be returned if a teacher leaves the district.

The DTC hopes that teachers are continuing to use this equipment as a tool for teaching and learning. If you are not using this equipment, the loan agreement can be eliminated by returning the equipment to the district Technology Officer where it will be evaluated and assigned to your building media center for use as needed by staff and students in the building.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR MEDIA SCHEDULE

Please check with your building media specialist on the end of the year schedule. If you have any questions or needs beyond our dates to wrap up this school year, please talk to your media specialist for accommodations.

JUNE TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION CAMP

Mark your calendars for:

June 12 & 13, 2007
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This year, we will be offering an opportunity for teachers to work on integrating technology into their classrooms. Sessions will be at Parkview, Middle School and the High School.

Special sessions will be offered this year on Wiki's, Blogs, Podcasting and Blackboard.

Professional Development credit is available if needed for the 2007/08 school year. Please remember to register with Gloria Wilson (or request another flyer) at wilsong@charlottenet.org or ext: 5750. Participants can register for as little as a 3 hour block or for as much as all 12 hours.

Your Technology Staff Wishes You A Safe & Restful Summer Vacation