

# Are your schools ready to teach lessons supported by technology?

Shore Educational Collaborative has created a professional learning series designed to support instruction which incorporates technology resources. You can choose the sessions that are most needed for your District or offer them together for your Professional Development days. See the list of programs below as well as the attached document.

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## Teaching Digital Learners

**The purpose of this professional learning series is to examine how our students benefit from multiple resources for learning. The ability to access and use digital content also incorporates teaching students how to use these resources responsibly.**

### **Why Use Technology When There Are So Many Good Books?**

Think about the technology that we have on our cell phones, or the ways we use the Internet to get information. Adapting to changes in technology can be a positive experience that enhances our experiences. The purpose of this session is to explore ways students learn as digital natives and how multiple resources can be used in the classroom, such as virtual tours, media-based lessons, and webquests.

### **All We Need to Know About Technology We Can Learn from Our Students**

The fun and fearless attitude students have with technology is something we can all learn. How does their experience with media and technology influence what happens in the classroom? In the session, we will spend time pairing effective instructional strategies with technology within the categories: 1) Multimedia, 2) Web Resources, 3) Data Collection Tools, 4) Organizing and Brainstorming, 5) Word Processing Applications, 6) Communication Software 7) Spreadsheet Software. Based on *Using Technology with Classroom Instruction that Works* by Pitler, et. al.

### **Learning Matters: Collaborating to Build Media-Learning into Existing Lessons**

If students are collaborating, how do we know they are working and learning? In this session, participants will choose an existing lesson and work in teams to incorporate media-based learning into instruction. Web 2.0 tools and multimedia resources allow collaboration and bring up challenges to educate students in digital citizenship, social media etiquette and plagiarism pitfalls.

### **Feedback Forum: Sharing Strategies and Knowledge**

Embracing new teaching tools can sometimes bring unexpected results. Using a media-based or technology lessons requires the willingness to take a risk that all will go according plan – as if that happens with any lesson! What is our experience with integrating technology and learning? We can share our strategies and knowledge by presenting a portion of the lesson to the group for feedback, confidence, and kudos.

### **User's Group Meeting and Share-a-Thon**

There are the tried and true tools - virtual tours, media-based lessons, and webquests – and then newer Web tools like podbean, voki, and audacity. These tools are divided into categories to help make their use meaningful for you and your students. The tools are based on *Web 2.0* by Solomon and Schrum, International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) recommendations.

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