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TECH 2009

TECH 2009 will be held in the Spring of 2009. The date of TECH 2009, which is selected based on when legislators are in session at the Capitol, will be announced on the TECH 2009 website in mid-November.

For event information and to submit an online application, visit the TECH 2009 website at www.springfieldtech2000.org. The online application system will open in October, 2008.

The deadline to submit a TECH 2009 application is Monday, January 12, 2009.

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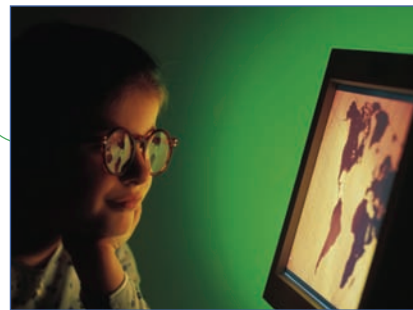
What is TECH 2009?

TECH 2009 is a not-for-profit initiative supported by a broad range of education and business organizations. Its purpose is two-fold: 1) to raise awareness of the critical role technology plays in preparing students to succeed in today's world; and 2) to show the need for increased funding for classroom technology. The TECH 2009 Committee thanks the General Assembly and our corporate partners for their generous support of this program



Illinois Computing Educators (ICE)

Illinois Computing Educators (ICE) is a statewide organization dedicated to leadership in education through technology. Formed in 1986 by a group of 30 educators, ICE has grown to nearly 3,000 members comprised of teachers, technology coordinators, library media specialists, administrators, higher education representatives, school support staff and other stakeholders in Illinois education. ICE continues to show leadership in educational technology by supporting the development, growth and use of technology in all facets of the educational process.



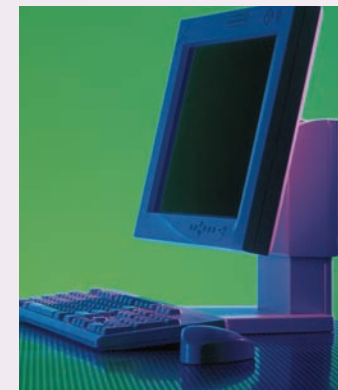
Since 1990, students and teachers have set up demonstration tables at the Capitol building in Springfield, Illinois to show elected officials, business leaders, and the general public how technology is being used in schools.

The TECH 2009 program strives to present classroom technology projects from across the state of Illinois. All schools and districts in Illinois are invited to apply to participate. Selected schools will send teams of up to four participants to TECH 2009 which will include two or three students accompanied by one teacher or administrator. School selections will be made on the basis of the location of the school within the state, grade level, type of demonstration proposed and diversity in student learning styles. Selected schools will be provided a 6' table in the Capitol building on which to display project information, and will be scheduled to demonstrate either in the morning or the afternoon on the date of the event (approx. 9am-Noon or approx. Noon-3pm). Funding for travel and other expenses incurred by participants will be the responsibility of each participating school.

While schools continue to struggle with the growing costs of technology and limited outside funding, TECH 2009 gives our teachers and students a voice to influence their future and increase awareness of the importance of technology in schools.

Research confirms the power of technology in classrooms to enhance and accelerate student achievement. TECH 2009 demonstrations show policy-makers why students must have ongoing access to continually-evolving technologies, in order to prepare them for the challenges of the 21st century.

Technology is not equally present in all Illinois schools. As a result, students from districts without up-to-date technology face a serious disadvantage when they advance to higher education or enter the workforce deficient in technology skills. TECH 2009 is focused on enhancing our state legislators' awareness of the necessity to develop a plan to promote adequate, equalized and reliable funding to meet school technology needs.



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