

# Press Release

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## INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION FUND ANNOUNCES SPRING 2009 GRANT AWARDEES; ACCEPTING FALL APPLICATIONS NOW

ST. LOUIS, MO, JUNE 4, 2009: The Innovative Technology Education Fund, dedicated to connecting educators to technological resources, is accepting applications for its fall 2009 grant cycle. In the spring of 2009, the ITEF awarded over \$146,000 in grants to fund innovative technology projects that benefit education.

September 11, 2009 is the deadline for grant applications in the ITEF's fall 2009 grant cycle. Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of \$15,000. Qualifying schools will present forward-looking ideas and models that enhance learning for students and classroom educators by focusing on:

- Student Achievement – Connecting students to the technological resources they need to reach high levels of educational success
- Extended Learning – Using technology to extend and enhance learning outside of the classroom
- Technology Skill Development and Transfer – Projects that support students and teachers in developing the skills and knowledge needed to function in and contribute to a technology-rich society

Interested educators may visit [www.enhancinglearning.org](http://www.enhancinglearning.org) to take the eligibility quiz and begin the application process.

The spring 2009 awardees are truly visionary in their application of technology to the classroom setting. Schools are using the funds to: provide assistive technology for students with disabilities; increase and reinforce student-teacher interaction; and increase computer access among students, among others. The

- Brittany Woods \$8,974.00 for a Mobile Notebook and Multimedia Lab
- Earl Nance Sr. Elementary \$5051.00 for Laptops, workstation stands, printer, ink, software.
- Fanning Middle School \$13,371.99 for Threshold...Art to focus on four major themes: African American Studies, Animal and environmental conservation, Public Art (murals), and Architecture.
- Gateway Institute of Technology \$12,343.00 to support 21<sup>st</sup> Century Career Readiness for Students with Special Needs.
- Griscom School \$10,776.59 to help students achieve personal success using technology.
- Kennard Elementary \$14,467.03 to fund 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Electronic Portfolios for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.
- Lutheran Association of Special Education \$17,000.00 to integrate technology to help Level the Playing Field – Assistive Technology for Students with Disabilities.
- Messiah Lutheran School \$3,000.00 for Reading Recovery.
- St. Charles Borromeo School \$847.00 to purchase a Senteo Response System.
- St. Gerard Majella Parish \$5,997.00 to purchase three Senteo Response Systems.
- St. Katharine Drexel School \$3,000.00 (matching grant) to purchase Smartboards
- St. Mark's Lutheran School \$10,300.00 for Direct Connect: Smartboards, projectors, installation, professional development.
- Trinity Lutheran School \$2,000.00 to equip a third classroom with a smartboard, laptop, software.
- Vashon High School \$12,811.24 for a Writing/Research Project using computers, desktop virtualization kits, monitors, speakers, keyboards/mice, printers/ink.
- Wedgwood Elementary \$14,480.00 Using Technology for High Achievement for All. Incorporating various types of Smartboard technology to engage students with differing abilities.
- Zion Lutheran School \$9,268.99 for Smartboard Implementation.

*2008, 2007 and 2006 grant summaries are available at:*

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