



**2009-2010 Instructional Technology
Professional Development Opportunities
Serving Region 10 Schools**

All titles are available on-site and by request as of 07/01/09 to members of the Region 10 Professional Development Cooperative

Customized Technology Integration Services *NEW*

Series of face-to-face and online trainings focused on using technology to improve student performance. After meeting with district technology and curriculum leaders training will be customized for district's specific needs.

Discovery Education Streaming Introduction

Learn to use Discovery Education Streaming to bring your lessons to life and engage students with dynamic and interactive content.

Google Docs and Sites *NEW*

Use free Google Docs and Sites to provide some of the best collaboration and communication tools the web has to offer.

Internet Research Skills

There is more to effective Internet searching than simply typing a few words into a search engine and hoping for results that are relevant to the research topic. Understanding some basic searching techniques can make the process of finding just the right information much easier. This training will focus on the tools for better searching; effective searching techniques, how to check information for validity and bias, and how to go beyond basic search engines to find information on the "hidden web" .

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Office 2007 Overview *NEW*

This overview will give participants an overview of the new features in Office 2007.

Thinkfinity: K-12 Internet Content for the Classroom

The Thinkfinity program provides no-cost, standards-based Internet content for the K-12 teacher and classroom, developed by the nation's content experts. Online resources include panel-reviewed links to top sites in many disciplines, professionally developed lesson plans, classroom activities and materials to help with daily classroom planning, and powerful search engines. Thinkfinity Teacher Training for Region 10 educators can be customized for your district.

Thinkfinity resources can be found at <http://www.thinkfinity.org>

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TMSDS (Texas Math Science Diagnostic System)

The Texas Math and Science Diagnostic System (TMSDS) is an online tool that assesses student strengths and weaknesses in relation to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. TMSDS is provided at no cost to school districts.

Transforming Learning Using an Interactive Whiteboard *NEW*

Learn to use your interactive whiteboard to improve the learning environment in your classroom.

Using Movie Maker with Discovery Education Streaming *NEW*

Enhance classroom instruction and learning by using Discovery Education Streaming and Movie Maker.

Using Photostory with Discovery Education Streaming *NEW*

Enhance classroom instruction and learning by using Discovery Education Streaming and PhotoStory.

WebQuests in the Classroom

WebQuests are one of the most talked-about and widely used Web-based activities in today's classrooms. This learner-centered activity format is designed to use learners' time effectively, to focus on using information rather than on looking for it, and to support learners' thinking at the levels of analysis, synthesis, and evaluation. This training focuses on the components of a well-designed webquest and provides educators the opportunity to begin creating one of their own.

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