



California Technology Assistance Project Delta Sierra Region 6

*A Cooperative Effort of the counties of Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin,
Stanislaus and Tuolumne*

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California School Tech Survey

Just a reminder that the California School Technology Survey (CSTS) is now available online. Please make sure that this is not confused with the EdTechProfile which teachers take throughout the year. The CSTS is to be completed only by designated persons in each district.

There are two parts to the survey — a district survey and individual school surveys. Once again, Region 6 will set a **local completion date of two days prior to the CDE's announced closing date** in order to give us time to help any schools that may have difficulty with the survey. The sooner you finish this survey the better, as many of you receive funds that require the completion of the survey. It is also helpful if you set up a district strategy of how the survey will be completed in your district. CTAP 6 will only release passwords and PIN numbers to the person we have listed as the District lead or a Superintendent. Please check with these individuals in your district, prior to contacting the CTAP 6 office, in order to follow your district protocol.

If you have questions regarding your PIN number or password you can contact the CTAP 6 Office at (209) 238-1450 and ask for the survey leads, Steven Cleek or Marianne Pack. Email can also be sent to Steven at scleek@ctap6.k12.ca.us or Marianne Pack at mpack@ctap6.k12.ca.us. Other CTAP 6 staff can offer assistance with PIN numbers also.

EETT Round 7 Competitive Grant RFA

Based on information CTAP 6 has received from CDE there will be an EETT C Round 7 with a state appropriation of approximately \$15 million. Nationwide, EETT received a net appropriation of \$267.5 million, which is \$5 million less than it received last year, thus marking the fifth time in the last six years that federal EETT funding has been reduced.

The RFA and LEA eligibility lists for Round 7 are expected to be posted by early March 2008. The Education Technology Office is updating the EETT C RFA for Round 7, calculating LEA eligibility, determining regional funding allocations, and obtaining necessary CDE approvals at this time.

Districts that believe they will meet the eligibility requirements can use the EETT C Round 6 RFA posted at this address: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r5/eettc07rfa.asp> to begin planning their EETT C Round 7 program and application now as there will be minimal changes when the Round 7 RFA is released. Eligibility requirements will remain the same for Round 7. However, the new U.S. Census Bureau poverty data will be used for the eligibility calculations. <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/saipe.html>

EETT Competitive LEA Eligibility Requirements:

County offices of education, districts, or direct funded charter schools that:

- Serve students in grades four through eight
- Are among the school districts in the state with the highest number or percentage of children from families with an income below the poverty line *established by the federal Director of the Office of Management and Budget

And meet ONE of the following additional criteria:

- Operate one or more schools identified for program improvement or corrective action under Section 1116 of the NCLB
- Have a substantial need for assistance in acquiring and using technology. This is defined as having an average of 10:1 student-to-computer ratio or greater in schools serving grades four through eight in the district (computers 48 months old or newer)
- An average of less than 50 percent of classrooms connected to the Internet in schools serving grades four through eight in the district, as determined by 2007 CSTS data

NOTE: *This is a one-time implementation grant for LEA schools serving grades 4-8. Therefore, if an individual school has received full EETT Competitive funding in any prior year, that school may not be funded in Round 7. If a school was only partially funded in a prior EETT C application round, that school may be partially funded in Round 7 for the remaining EETT C funds.*

As soon as the RFA is posted CTAP 6 will hold information meetings for all eligible districts. With the money going down each year, this will be a very competitive round but we encourage all districts to apply. Please contact Marianne Pack for more information at mpack@ctap6.k12.ca.us

District Technology Plans

CTAP 6 is making great progress on getting technology plans passed through the State Approval Process.

The following districts have received CDE approval for their District Technology Plans:

Amador County Office of Education, Amador County Unified, Calaveras County Office of Education, Mark Twain Union Elementary, Escalon Unified, Lincoln Unified, Oak View Union Elementary, Ceres Unified, Chatom Union Elementary, Denair Unified, Empire Union Elementary, Hart-Ransom Union Elementary, Modesto City Schools, Newman-Crows Landing Unified, Riverbank Unified, Turlock Unified, Jamestown Elementary and Summerville Elementary

The following districts are currently having their District Technology Plans read for state approval: Stockton Unified, Patterson Joint Unified, Stanislaus Union Elementary, and Curtis Creek Elementary

Additionally, seven other districts have plans being read at the regional level that will proceed to the state level.

Reminder from the CSIS Office

Given everyone's worries over the State Budget for next fiscal year, CSIS wanted to remind you that the CSIS Best Practices Cohort Project provides funding to help all eligible local education agencies (LEAs) prepare for the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS). When CALPADS is implemented, LEAs will be required to submit individual-level data to this system. The Best Practices Cohort Project will likely be the only targeted funding opportunity to help LEAs prepare for this new system. The minimum funding available is \$15,000 per LEA and for larger LEAs the funding is \$8.51/student. A complete list of eligible LEAs and the amount of funding for each district in CTAP Region 6 that have not registered to participate in the project is available by contacting Marianne Pack at mpack@ctap6.k12.ca.us.

Don't be left out of the loop! Join the CTAP 6 Listserves at <http://ctap6.k12.ca.us/list.htm>

ETC! 2008 Conference

March 1, 2008

James C. Enochs High School – Modesto, CA

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$70 Enrollment is limited!

CTAP Delta Sierra Region 6, in collaboration with Modesto City Schools, Stockton Unified Schools, Ceres Unified Schools, and CC CUE is pleased to announce the preliminary schedule of the ETC! 2008 10th Anniversary Conference. A tentative list of sessions is available online.

The ETC! 2008 Conference presents participants with a variety of professional development sessions for administrators, teachers, IT, and support staff about applications, hardware, and technology integration. Teachers, administrators, and other individuals that are involved in education technology present all sessions.

Half-Day, Hands-On Sessions

Half-Day sessions will not have an additional fee but will be on a first come, first-serve basis. Enrollment is limited in all sessions.

Visit the ETC! 2008 web page to download the preliminary flyer, check for session updates or to register:

<http://ctap6.k12.ca.us/etc/>

Avoid the last minute rush by registering soon

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