



Tech Day Sessions

As part of your school's Library Multimedia Contract, your campus is eligible to receive a free Technology (Tech) Day. This day is led by one of our very capable Instructional Technology Specialists.

The following 3-hour sessions are available for planning your school's free Tech Day, or **contact us to discuss customizing a training that fits your specific tech needs.**

Getting to Know Chrome

Chrome is more than just a browser. Learn how to leverage your Chromebook and the Chrome browser to best suit your needs. Discover how to have a unified experience across all your computing devices. In this session, we'll cover how to setup multiple user accounts, the installation of apps and extensions (and the difference between them), and customize your Chromebook's appearance to work best for you.

Gmail, Calendar and Drive: Just the Basics

Just got your Google Apps for Education (GAFE) account and don't know where to begin? We'll show you how to set up, manage, and get the most out of Gmail. You'll learn how to track and plan your school year collaboratively using Google Calendar. In addition, you'll discover how to organize and share documents using Google Drive.

Google Drive and Docs: A Little More

Want to get the most out of your Google Drive account? We'll show you, step by step, how to organize Google Drive, and how to upload valuable content pieces you've already created, for global access. Learn how to create web-based documents (Google Docs, Slides, Sheets, Forms), and how to allow others to collaborate on them. Learn to share your work freely (and how to protect its contents). Find out how your students can leverage their Drive accounts toward a far more collaborative environment.

Google Slides: Collaborative Presentations

Take your classroom into the 21st Century with Google's collaborative Drive experience. Learn how to create visually interesting presentations online, individually or in collaboration with others. Learn how to embed videos, hyperlinks, images, add animations and share presentations online.

Google Forms and Spreadsheets: Beginner

Google Forms is one of the most versatile and useful of the Google Apps tools. Begin learning how to make simple surveys and quizzes, then use freely available scripts to automate grading and provide student feedback. Learn how to track assignments, and how to create frontloading and review tools, with instant feedback quizzes.

Google Forms and Spreadsheets: Intermediate

Take Google Forms to the next level. Teach your students to use branch logic to create "choose your own adventure" stories. Create self-grading rubrics and discover how to use valuable "add-ins" with Sheets. Learn how to insert images and videos into your Google Forms. Gain an understanding of how Sheets gathers submissions automatically, and how to create dynamic charts from the collected data.

Google Classroom: Tying it All Together

Learn how Google's new classroom management tool can bring you one leap closer to a paperless classroom. Classroom leverages the power of GAFE, enabling you to distribute unique online assignments, and making it possible for your students to turn in assignments digitally. Classroom can also be used to track progress, and communicate with your students.

Google Sites: An Introduction

Google Sites is a free, highly customizable website development tool that easily integrates GAFE. Sites is great for embedding presentations, videos, pictures, forms, and calendars to make your content easily accessible to students. You can even create a drop box for students to turn in their work electronically, as well as create a virtual file cabinet of documents for student/parent access.

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YouTube in the Classroom

Have you avoided offering video-based PBL or instruction because you don't have a good video editor? Learn how YouTube's free online editing, storage and streaming tool can be leveraged to create interesting video content for your classroom. In addition, learn how Google Chrome extensions can unclutter your classroom YouTube experience.

iTunesU

Learn about the free resources available in iTunes University. Discover how to access iTunesU, and locate the best content for your curriculum. Explore "Create a Course" and how it can be used to create a flipped classroom. iTunesU is accessible from all Apple devices, and Windows computers with iTunes installed.

Breakthrough Presentations with Prezi

Take your presentations and instructional units to a whole new level with Prezi, a free, visually interesting and highly creative online presentation system. Use motion, zoom, and special relationships to bring your content to life.

Getting the Word Out with Blogger

Isn't it about time you considered blogging? Whether you are an administrator who wants to keep your schools and community informed, or a teacher who wants to communicate to (and with) your class, Google's Blogger platform can help you get the word out!

IT Consultation *(New this year!)*

Our Technology Specialists are available to conduct an evaluation of the tools, technologies and platforms at your site to help you maximize both current technology use and future purchases. They can also assist in developing a strategic plan to update old equipment and infrastructure. Do you have a unique technology need? Contact us with details.

Train the Trainers: Google Introduction *(New this year!)* September 27 or October 27; 9:00am - 4:00pm

This full day workshop will be held in the **ERS Computer Lab**, and count for half of a Tech Day. Contracting schools may register 1-2 staff members to attend at no charge. The attendees will explore Google Drive, Docs, Slides and Forms, then go back to their sites as trainers, teaching their coworkers how to integrate these tools into their classrooms. The remaining half Tech Day can be used to bring a Technology Specialist to your site for one of the above listed trainings or to send 1-2 staff members to attend our second new offering...

Train the Trainers: Google Sites, YouTube, Blogger *(New this year!)* January 19; 9:00am - 4:00pm

This full day workshop will be held in the **ERS Computer Lab**, and count for half of a Tech Day. Contracting schools may register 1-2 staff members to attend at no charge. The attendees will explore Google Sites, YouTube, and Blogger, then go back to their sites as trainers, teaching their coworkers how to integrate these tools into their classrooms.

Note: With a Library Media Services contract, your site will receive a full day of tech sessions, equaling two 3-hour sessions in a given day. With the exception of our new "Train the Trainers" workshops the Tech Day cannot be split, so plan for either a full day with a morning and an afternoon session, or two concurrent 3-hour sessions in a half-day period of time.

To schedule a Tech Day for your site, please email Sara Torabi sarat@ers.tcoe.org

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