

Ridge View High School

TECHNOLOGY CONNECTIONS

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TECHNOLOGY STAFF DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Technology staff development this year will be offered during planning periods, after school, and during lunch. All teachers need to attend four hours of technology staff development during the 2008-09 school year. You get to choose which sessions to attend. Lunch sessions count as half an hour, planning period sessions count as one hour, and after school sessions are up to two hours in length. If you want personalized training, I will be happy to meet with you during your planning period for credit.

For a full list of dates, please see the menu of staff development activities that was sent out to you earlier in the school year.

Contact Information

Let me know if I can help you with using technology and integrating it into classroom instruction.

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SMART Boards are Everywhere at Ridge View!

Thanks to generous funding from the district, Ridge View now has SMART Boards and projectors in all classrooms. It is exciting to walk through the halls of Ridge View and see teachers and students working at the SMART Boards.

As you become more comfortable and proficient with using your SMART Board, please consider attending additional training sessions that will be offered throughout the school year. The district goal is for teachers to create and use interactive

lessons and assessments.

SMART Tips:

Each teacher who has a SMART Board in the classroom is entitled to one free copy of SMART Ideas software with SMART Board registration. All of the serial numbers have been registered with SMART. You can download the software from Smartech.com. E-mail me for the license number.

Please remember to turn off your projector when you are not using it with your classes. This will save on the life of the bulb. Most projector bulbs last around 2000 hours.

Ridge View TEC Mentors

Ridge View is fortunate to have 7 teachers in the district TEC mentor program to help with technology staff development:

1st year teachers: Ramona Gonzalez and Ellen Harrison

2nd year teachers: Zaria O'Bryant and Laura Smith

3rd year teacher: Melissa Roberson

Veterans: Alice Turner and Erin Valentie

New Technology Standards for Teachers

The International Society for Technology in Education has released new technology standards for teachers. The new standards require that teachers:

* Facilitate and Inspire Student Learning and Creativity

* Design and Develop Digital-Age Learning Experiences and Assessment

* Model Digital-Age Work

and Learning

* Promote and Model Digital Citizenship and Responsibility

* Engage in Professional Growth and Leadership

Instructional Technology Specialists in the district have been working on redesigning the teacher technology integration self-assessment rubric to reflect the new standards.

All teachers in the district will receive an e-mail on Oct. 14 with a link to the survey. Please take the survey when you receive the e-mail.

Survey results will be shared and will be valuable in helping departments to assess technology staff development needs.

Visit <http://www.iste.org> to see the performance indicators.