

USOE Update



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ESRI ARC GIS 10

Thanks to UEN the ESRI ARC GIS Version 10 license is now available to all schools



ARC GIS 10 and ESRI's Virtual Campus are now available to all schools and teachers.

ARC GIS 10 is a system that lets you easily author data, maps, globes, and

models on the desktop and serve them out for use on a desktop, in a browser, or in the field via mobile devices.

ESRI Virtual Campus provides access to online training on how to use ARC GIS 10.

To obtain ARC GIS 10 Authorization and Provisioning Codes send an e-mail message to Rick.Gaisford@schools.utah.gov noting Single Use or Concurrent Use (network installs) and the number of codes needed. (Note: Only one ARC GIS 10 authorization and provisioning code per district is necessary. The same codes work for all schools) An e-mail will be generated with download and installation instructions along with the needed codes.

To obtain enrollment codes to the Virtual Campus (see <http://training.esri.com/> for a list of courses)

send an e-mail to Rick.Gaisford@schools.utah.gov noting which courses you want access to and the number of seats needed. We have an unlimited license for the state

Please keep track of all computers on which licenses are installed and teachers given access for home use and/or training.

Google SketchUp Pro 8



SketchUp Pro 8 was recently released. Google has once again offered this free of charge to all schools and teachers.

E-mail Rick Gaisford , rick.gaisford@schools.utah.gov to obtain your license authorization codes and serial numbers.

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Common Core Standards

<http://www.corestandards.org>



The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA

Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). The standards were developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and experts, to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare our children for college and the workforce. These standards define the knowledge and skills students should have within their K-12 education careers so that they will graduate high school able to succeed in entry

level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs. The standards:

- Are aligned with college and work expectations;
- Are clear, understandable and consistent;
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills;
- Build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards;
- Are informed by other top performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in our global economy and society; and
- Are evidence-based.

The Utah State Board of Education approved the adoption of these standard this summer.

Technology Plans



Because there is no formula Title II D allocation this year the UCA will not be available to submit your annual district technology plan.

If you have already submitted to Rick Gaisford your technology plan narrative in a Word or PDF document and completed the technology inventory, you have completed the requirements for this year

Otherwise, please do the following to submit your 2010-2011 technology plan.

1. Complete technology plan narrative section, district technology inventory and technology budget at:
<http://goo.gl/y6ln>
2. Complete the technology assessment inventory at:
<http://goo.gl/LytR>



Qwest Teachers and Technology Grant

Utah has once again received \$50,000 from the Qwest Foundation. To apply: Download the grant application from <http://my.uen.org/39> (Qwest Grant Tab). This grant is not just about requesting technology tools and resources. It is about improving teaching and learning in the classroom with technology.

Grant applications must be received by November 30, 2010 (Submission instructions are in the application)

ARRA Grants



Three schools were awarded Title II D ARRA grants. Each school is now very engaged in implementing their projects.

The schools receiving awards are:

1. Kearns High School (Granite) for their iSchool Initiative. This grant is also partnering with Monument Valley High School.
2. Northwest Middle School (Salt Lake) for mobile learning communities.
3. Ben Lomond High School for their high-tech high school program.

To learn more about these grants go to <http://my.uen.org/39> (EETT Grant Tab)

Speak Up 2010



Speak Up is an annual national research project facilitated by Project Tomorrow. The purpose of the project is to:

- Collect and report the unfiltered feedback from students, parents and teachers on key educational issues.
- Use the data to stimulate local conversations.
- Raise national awareness about the importance of

including the viewpoints of students, parents, and teachers in the education dialogue.

Utah will once again be participating in this project. Look for weekly e-mail reminders.

Please encourage students, teachers, administrators and parents to participate. This year all your schools will be pre-registered making participation much easier.

For additional information please visit, <http://www.tomorrow.org/>

OnTrack



The OnTrack system (<http://usoe.truenorthlogic.com/>) is a statewide Teacher Development management, tracking, and reporting solution that enables local districts to improve the effectiveness of their professional development programs.

On occasion spam filters can block email that employees do need to receive. As an example, some of the automated emails that USOE's OnTrack portal system uses are getting blocked by spam filters.

To help make sure important emails from OnTrack do get through, we are requesting that the following two domains be whitelisted and allowed to deliver email messages:

- hq.truenorthlogic.com
- usoe-w1.truenorthlogic.com

Thank you for assisting us to ensure that valid email notifications from OnTrack are received by your District, Charter or School.

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Mission U.S.



Mission U.S. is an excellent online game developed by WNET, the New York PBS Station to teach Civics. It's free for schools to use but some districts are blocking it because it's a game. UEN has done extensive professional development on this and teachers are highly motivated to use it to teach History/Civics.

The first game, Mission 1: "For Crown or Colony?," puts the player in the shoes of Nat Wheeler, a 14-year-old printer's apprentice in 1770 Boston. As Nat navigates the city and completes tasks, he encounters a spectrum of people living and working there when tensions mount before the Boston Massacre. Ultimately, the player determines Nat's fate by deciding where his loyalties lie.

Please unblock. <http://www.mission-us.org/> and <http://ehs.uen.org>



Donated Headphones

UEN has available about 800 sets of headphones (see samples). If you are interested in obtaining any or all of these, please contact Jo-Ann (jwong@uen.org) with the info and whether you prefer Logitech or Plantronics and she'll get them to districts.

ConferenceMe/MOVI



Superintendent Shumway would like all district superintendents to have access to one of these programs.