

ATTRIBUTES OF THE COOL TOOLS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



- **On-site** – at your school, so there is no travel cost or travel time
 - Minimizes the interruption of instruction time
 - Each session is 3.5 hours long
 - Each training day has a morning session and an afternoon session
 - Different teachers participate in the morning or afternoon session
 - Substitute teachers can provide release time for two teachers
 - Teachers can cover for each other
- **Practical** – use what you already have or free items
 - Professional development occurs over time (3-4 months)
 - Large selection of workshops to choose from (see attached list)
 - Based/Tied to the school's improvement plan
 - Focuses on student learning and teacher growth
- **Low cost PLUs**- \$30 per teacher per session or \$90 for 1 teacher PLU
 - Each teacher takes 3 sessions (10 hours total)
 - One PLU for each teacher
 - Each session needs at least 15 teachers

How to start Cool Tools at your school:

- Align with your school goals and school improvement plans
- Contact the UGA ETC by email or phone:
Email: ttc@uga.edu, Athens Ph.: (706) 542-0240, Gwinnett Ph.: (678) 985-6797
- We will help you survey your teachers about which sessions are preferred.
- Coordinate with UGA ETC to schedule dates and times for the Cool Tools professional development sessions.

COOL TOOLS WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

2008-2009

Get it To Go!

Microsoft Office Make and Take - View many teacher-created examples and see how Microsoft Office Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Access can be used with your students in a new and refreshing way. Customize these examples to meet your needs, or create new activities and games, and take them with you.

Give Students a Voice

Recording - Give students a voice by adding a recording component to projects. Explore various recording tools such as the Windows recorder, Audacity, and PowerPoint.

Say Cheese

Dynamic Digital Cameras - Digital cameras are an accessible technology that can truly capture students! Learn many ideas for using the digital camera across the curriculum and what to do with those pictures once they are taken. Participants will get hands-on experience with free photo editing and showcasing programs such as Irfanview and Photostory.

Anyone Can Be a Movie Maker

Movie Maker - Participants will use Microsoft Windows Movie Maker to create movies from still photos and full-motion video. Learn ways to manage student video projects and how to work within the guidelines of Copyright. Included are sources for free music, video clips, tutorials, and lesson plans.

Beware of the Blog...Not!

Blogging - Run, don't walk...it's the blog - user-generated websites where entries are made in journal style. Participants will create blogs using Edublogs, view examples, and discuss educational uses.

Is it "Standard" Procedure?

GPS, GSO, and Coach Books - In this session, participants will receive navigation training for the Georgiastandards.org web site to help teachers find resources for teaching the Georgia Performance Standards. Participants will also receive access to the MyGaDOE portal, where they will learn how to create GPS aligned units using the Unit Builder template. In addition, participants will learn about COACH Standards-based assessment materials, designed to help students succeed on high stakes testing.

Just a Click Away!

Student Response Devices Featuring the CPS - It slices, it dices...well, not quite, but the Classroom Performance System can do a lot to enhance the teaching and learning process. With this system of personal response devices (clickers) and receiver, you can learn more about your students and make the best possible instructional decisions for them. Come explore the powerful possibilities that this device provides and get hands-on practice!

Engaging Encyclopedias

Online Encyclopedias - In this session, participants will work in groups to explore GALILEO

encyclopedias and databases. Groups will create a job aid and share their findings for the online encyclopedias and databases they explore.

Great Googley Moogley!

Multimedia Reference Tools and Google - Learn all about what free tools Google has to offer to educators including a virtual globe, 3D modeling, Web photo albums, and easy Web pages. Also, come explore the multimedia reference tool United Streaming. *Note: Access to all of the Google tools requires a Google login. Participants who register will receive an invitation to create a free account and should do so before attending the session.*

Yeah, I Said Free

Free Software and Tools - Come learn about tools you can download for free to engage your students in almost any subject area!

Keep Your KompoZer

Web Page Design - Use KompoZer (NVu), a free, user-friendly tool, to create Web pages and sites. Web design principles and organizational strategies will be shared.

Hot Potatoes

Hot Potatoes- Explore this FREE puzzle creator that can be used to create exercises such as crossword, match, cloze, quiz, and jumble. Bring vocabulary and spelling lists or other curriculum to create puzzles that you can take with you!

Hook me up!

Connecting Hardware Devices- Get hands-on experience hooking up equipment such as LCD projectors, peripherals, and bluetooth devices - just to name a few! Learn all about cables and organizational strategies for keeping it all together.

Nip it in the Bud!

Technology Troubleshooting - Learn simple steps you can take to fix common PC and other hardware problems.

Interactive Board

Customized for the type of Interactive Board at your school. This series of workshops (all 3 must be taken) will enable participants to acquire knowledge and confidence as they explore the basic features of the board and software. Participants will create interactive teaching materials using the software.

Note: You must be given special permission by your principal to take these 3 workshops.

iPod, uPod

Podcasting - Participants will gain hands-on experience creating a podcast - shared, portable digital media file - from start to finish, view examples, and discuss educational uses.

Mini-Me

Making Multimedia Job Aids - Are you ever needed in two places at one time? Create video computer tutorials for teachers and students to view whenever the need for help arises. Learn about Wink, a free screen capture technology and get hands-on practice!