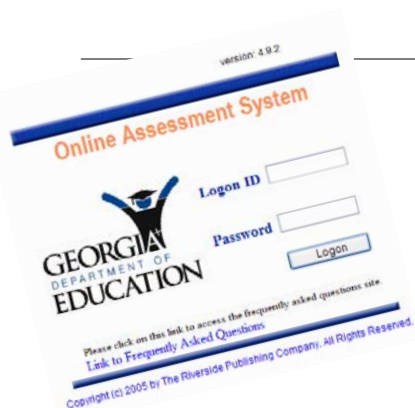




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## Online Assessment System

Formerly known as the CRCT Online, the Online Assessment System (OAS) is new and improved. The OAS has now been updated to include High School content now. Subjects are being phased in as the state releases information regarding the transition to GPS from QCC.

The OAS is designed to offer teachers and students the opportunity to prepare for the state-mandated tests in the spring all year long. However, this is not designed only for CRCT preparation. The state is encouraging the continual use of the Online Assessment System. Teachers have CRCT quality questions available on all material to compile tests for all subjects. Students now have state approved questions for available on any test they take. They can take the tests Online! Teachers have the

ability to design tests and assign them for specific students to take during a specific window of time. One of the big things happening with OAS right now is the importing of student rosters from your Student Information System. We are here to help with this process if you need assistance, contact the University of Georgia Technology Training Center by phone at 706-542-0240 or 678-407-5300 or via email at [ttc@uga.edu](mailto:ttc@uga.edu).



The eMath Grant is federally funded as an initiative of Title II-D. The grant is in the second year of a four program. The grant was designed to increase student learning by integrating technology into the math curriculum for third, fourth, and fifth grade students, while fostering a shared sense of student improvement for math teachers in each of the grade levels as they work to improve student success. Teachers and school administrators will work

individually and collaboratively (in grade level teams and as members of an online Professional Learning Community) to design and implement performance-based instruction that incorporates student achievement data and engaged learning with technology. Those involved with the grant will create specific math units. The units will be shared with teachers throughout the state via Professional Online Learning Communities and the Georgia Learning Connections (GLC).

In late September, schools from around Georgia met to discuss how things were going to unfold this school year. The excitement and enthusiasm were amazing. Educators could not wait to see the new developments from the state Department of Education and talk about what they had planned at their local school sites.

We have five large group "face-to-face" days planned to work with on the eMath grant throughout the school year and collaborative small group working days between each face-to-face contact.

## GAETC Conference

The 18th annual GaETC Conference will be co-sponsored by the Georgia Educational Technology Consortium and the Georgia Department of Education. The DOE's Technology Leadership Conference (TLC) will be merged into the GaETC Conference, with the leadership sessions becoming a major strand in GaETC 2005. This collaborative effort will provide Georgia educators and technology leadership with a single unified technology conference.

### REGISTRATION

<http://www.gaetc.org/>

### LOCATION

Workshops will be held at the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC) in College Park.

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CREDIT (PLUs)

Professional Learning Credit (formerly known as Staff Development Unit credit) will be awarded by the Educational Technology Training Center at Macon State College for individuals who meet PLU course requirements.



## Google EARTH!

Have you ever wondered how your house looks from outer space? Using this free tool from Google you can locate an address or location anywhere in the world. This service has proven its educational value during the tsunami, and more recently the hurricanes. It allows students to witness first hand the damage and the geographic impacts. The service provides users with still photographs of satellite images that were captured within the last three years, but updated images are added to areas on a rolling basis. This is a great educational tool! Try it today!

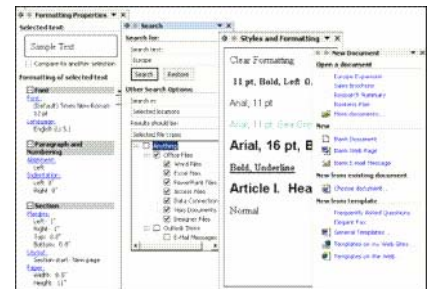
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## Tech Tips

### Task Panes in Word 2003

One of the best new things in the latest version of Microsoft Office Suite is the addition of task panes. This helpful tool can change depending on what your needs are. It can create a new document, research topics from the internet, insert clip art and act as a clipboard. Most times the pane will appear on its own, but if it is not on the screen when you want it, never fear; just hit **Ctrl+F1** for the task pane to appear.



### Websites for Educators:

#### Internet Learning Network

<http://www.getsmarter.org/index.cfm>  
An animated, interactive testing and learning site

#### Federal Resources for Educational Excellence

<http://www.ed.gov/free/>  
An updated federal list of online resources sorted by subject



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