



Free Guide for Teaching Online

ISTE collaborated with several organizations on a new, free publication called *Guide to Teaching Online Courses*, published by the National Education Association. The 26-page guide is intended for policymakers, administrators, educators, and others involved in selecting, hiring, training, and supporting instructors to provide high-quality online instruction. Appropriately, you can find it online at <http://www.nea.org/technology/images/onlineteachguide.pdf>.



Awards Nominations Open

Do you know an outstanding educator or leader who deserves recognition? ISTE's annual awards program is now open for members to nominate colleagues who have demonstrated vision, innovation, action, and transformation to improve teaching and learning through the effective use of technology.

Six awards programs are now accepting nominations. For more information about how to nominate candidates, visit <http://www.iste.org/membership/awards> or contact Terra Sieberman at tsieberman@iste.org.

Affiliate Awards: The ISTE Outstanding Leader and Outstanding Teacher Awards recognize one leader and one teacher who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in implementing technology to improve education. Nominees are submitted by ISTE Affiliates (<http://www.iste.org/affiliates>).

Kay L. Bitter Vision Award for Excellence in Technology-based PK Education: This award goes to a PK–2 educator who has demonstrated vision and creativity in a project or program that effectively integrates technology in the classroom and/or school.

Making It Happen: The program acknowledges leaders for their commitment and innovation to improve technology integration in K–12 schools.

SIGTE Research Paper Award: This award recognizes excellence in research in the area of technology and teacher education. The winner is selected from among research paper proposals submitted to NECC.

SIGTel Online Learning Awards: Since 1991, ISTE's Special Interest Group for Telelearning has recognized creative educators for their pioneering use of telelearning activities to provide innovative learning opportunities for K–16 students.

Sylvia Charp Award for District Innovation in Technology: Presented jointly by *T.H.E. Journal* and ISTE, this award recognizes U.S. school districts that exhibit effectiveness and innovation in the application of technology.



April Brings Advocacy

Plan to participate in the ISTE State Advocacy Capacity-Building Conference on April 22, 2007, to learn how to build an effective advocacy organization in your state. Individuals or teams can gain skills to influence policymakers at the U.S. state and federal levels. The interactive conference will focus on:

- Building an effective advocacy organization
- Holding a state-level Advocacy Day
- Using the Internet to effect change
- Supporting grassroots advocates in your area
- Developing relationships with policymakers and their staffs

A second event is the Washington Education Technology Policy Summit, co-hosted by ISTE, CoSN, and SETDA on April 23–24, 2007. Key U.S. congressional staff and administration officials will be on hand to share and listen to ideas about NCLB reauthorization, E-Rate, and education technology funding. On the second day, participants will meet directly with congressional staff from their respective states. Summit organizers will prepare attendees for the visits and provide appropriate talking points and information. For more information about either event, contact Hilary Goldmann, director of government affairs, hgoldmann@iste.org.