

# TECHS Grant Application

Tri-Valley Distance Education Consortium was recently notified of tentative approval for the technology support grant **Technology Education Challenges in High Schools** (TECHS). The purpose of the TECHS grant is “to provide technical education and career education.” (To view a copy of the grant, go to the following web site - <http://tvdec.k12.ne.us/0405/TECHS.htm>)

## TECHS project objectives

- to increase the TECHS team understanding of information technology and how it applies to personal and career goals.
- to provide support for the school district’s local area network (LAN), the district TECHS team will demonstrate understanding of hardware/software and network systems through application on their LAN network.
- to increase understanding of career opportunities in technology, partnerships will be created to provide infomercials and job shadowing experiences within a local and regional area.
- to provide local, regional and national information about the project, the grant director, instructional team, and TECHS team members will deliver presentations.

## Tentative course plan

- The class will be sent over distance education.
- The class will meet two days a week.
- Class days will be MW or TTh from 7:30 - 8:20.
- The grant will be limited to six schools.
- The class size is limited to the LAN manager and 3 to 5 students.

## TECHS School Selection

- A district must complete and submit an application to participate by Friday, May 28, 2004.
- Be a Tri-Valley member south school

## TECHS Team Obligations

- Administrative approval from district’s superintendent to participate in project.
- TECHS team consisting of the district LAN manager and from 3 to 5 students.
- District LAN manager must attend one day summer TECHS orientation day.

## TECHS Team Benefits (package benefits total approximately \$6,150)

- A desktop conferencing system (computer, camera, sound system, desktop conferencing software) (\$3,250.)
- Stipend for the LAN manager to attend summer orientation. (\$150)
- Payment of conference registrations, travel, and lodging for LAN manager and students to attend Techxperts and NETA. (\$600)
- Substitute pay to participating districts for days when the LAN manager is attending TECHS projects. (\$300)
- Waiver of per student semester charges for distance education class. (\$750)
- Ten hour ESU 10 contract for tech support - (\$400)
- Diagnostic software and supplies - (\$700)

**TECHS CTE Application**  
**(Application Due to John Stritt by Friday, May 21, 2004)**

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LAN Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Public Schools wishes to apply for the  
"Technology Education Challenges in High School" CTE project.

**In 200 words or less, state how your students will benefit from their involvement in the TECHS project:**

**In 200 words or less, state how you feel your district will benefit from participation in the TECHS project:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Public Schools district agrees to the following obligations within the grant:

- Administrative approval from district's superintendent/principal to participate in project.
- LAN manager agreement to participate as district project coordinator.
- Selection of a TECHS team consisting of the district LAN manager and from 3 to 5 students.
- The TECHS team will be available to attend Techxperts and NETA conferences.
- The TECHS team will be willing to share about the project at local, regional, and state conferences/contests.
- The LAN manager will
  - attend TECHS summer orientation meeting
  - participate in all student lessons
  - serve as the teacher of record if the class provides high school credit
  - supervise student TECH's team in supporting district's LAN site
  - make arrangements to enable student team to participate in Techxperts, NETA, and job shadowing experiences.

- **Note:** Failure to carry out obligations as outlined within the grant will result in forfeiture of technology equipment back to the Tri-Valley consortium.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent or Principal Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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LAN Manager Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Notification of selection of schools will be made by March 28, 2004.