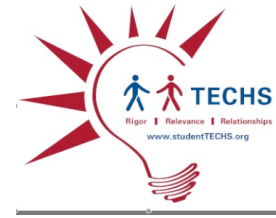









TECHS Works




What is TECHS?


 TECHS is a year-long course for students in grades 10-12 who have a strong interest in technology for personal and vocational use. TECHS is delivered as an asynchronous class supported by video and mylearning.org management system.


 TECHS goals include:


-  T = Technical Knowledge
-  E = Employment and career awareness
-  C = Communications skills
-  H = Help with District Network
-  S = Show Accountability


Facts About TECHS


 TECHS was first offered as a course in 2004-05.


 In 2004-05 five schools participated with 25 students (all boys).


 In 2005-06 13 schools participated and 75 students in TECHS. (6 girls)


 In 2006-07 23 schools with 136 students are taking TECHS. (37 girls)

 The TECHS curriculum continues to evolve:


 In 04-05, 40 lessons were presented using two-way video conferencing twice a week.

 In 05-06, 10 units with 50 lessons were presented using streaming video and mylearning.


 In 06-07, TECHS curriculum consists of 12 units with over 60 instructional chapters delivered using DVDs, podcasting, and mylearning.

 During the past three years, special conferences and events have been offered for TECHS.

 ESU 10 presented a "Hire A TECH" workshop in 04-05.

 ESU 10 and UNK sponsored "2020 Visions & Technology" Forum in 05-06.

 UNK sponsored a TECHS Podcasting competition in the fall of 06.

 ESU 10 and ESU educational partners sponsored Build A Computer days each year. (Over 70 computers built)

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As technology is ever-changing, so is the TECHS curriculum and methods of presenting the course.

During our first three years, TECHS were primarily **consumers** of technology information. In year four, we will be stressing that TECHS become **creators** as they demonstrate and share their understanding of technology through their web sites, community support projects, digital story telling presentations using podcasts and multimedia programs, and their demonstration of internet safety and responsibility. TECHS will be judged and rewarded for these efforts.

Beginning in 2006-07, ESU 6, 7, 9, 11, and 16 partnered with ESU 10 to support TECHS in schools in their area. ESU 10 looks to strengthen these existing ties and invite other ESUs to share in TECHS.

TECHS continues to partner with the post-secondary colleges in Nebraska. In 06-07, the TECHS curriculum content was improved as we seek Tech Prep approval from community colleges for the course.

If you are interested in learning more about TECHS including how to register, fees, materials needed, and more, go to <http://www.studenttechs.org/0708>

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