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Web 2.0 Approval To Participate

In April, TECHS students and instructors will be introduced to Web 2.0 tools. The focus of Web 2.0 tools is that the student becomes a creator of content rather than using the web as a consumer of information.

The tools that will be used for this unit will be the Google educational suite of applications. Each student will have their own gmail account, their own web site, word and spreadsheet applications, and more. All the tools are collaborative in nature.

At ESU 10 we recognize that schools have concerns for access and use of internet resources. Among these are giving students email accounts and having their own web sites.

With the emphasis of use for educational purposes only, we have taken the following precautions:

- The use of the web 2.0 studenttechs program will be open for student use for only a three week period - April 16 through May 4. At the end of that time all accounts will be closed out.
- On each page that includes student work will be the following notice - "This studenttechs site is for educational purposes only. If you find any material that you feel is not educational in nature, please email those concerns to jstritt@esu10.org".
- We are conducting a conference call with TECHS instructors (April 5) and will also have a podcast of that call to inform about the activity.
- Schools who do not wish to participate may elect to take a second level of internet course work.
- An administrator and the TECHS instructor must sign and submit a letter before their TECHS students can participate in the activity.

We are very excited to share this program as we know that students are using Web 2.0 tools for personal reasons. It is our intent that we can demonstrate to students and teachers that these creative tools can be of even greater value for educational purposes. We hope you agree.

Public Schools approves the participation of our TECHS students in the Web 2.0 activities in the TECHS course.

School Administrator

Date

TECHS Instructor

Please fax approval notice Att: John Stritt 308 - 233-9066.