

International Society for Technology in Education [iste]

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In June 1989, two educational organizations, the International Council for Computers in Education (ICCE) and the International Association for Computing in Education (IACE), merged to form the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), which is the largest nonprofit professional organization dedicated to the improvement of education through the use of computer-based technology. Members are teachers, administrators, computer and technology coordinators, teacher educators, information resource managers, and educational technology specialists. All are active contributors to the future of educational technology. ISTE goals include:

- To provide a prominent information center and source of leadership to communicate and collaborate with educational professionals, policy makers, and other organizations worldwide.
- To maintain a strong geographic/regional affiliate membership to support and be responsive to grass-roots efforts to improve the educational use of technology.
- To foster an active partnership between businesses and educators who use computer-based technology.

ISTE activities provide a wide range of assistance and support in the use and integration of computer-based technology in the classroom:

- Periodicals support technology-using educators by keeping them informed of the latest technology, teaching techniques, and research: *The Computing Teacher Journal*, soon to be renamed; *Learning and Leading with Technology*; the *Journal of Research on Computing in Education*; and the *Update Newsletter*.
- Professional news and leadership are provided through ISTE newsletters.
- Classroom-tested books and courseware packages for all grades and subject areas are provided.
- ISTE has Special Interest Groups (SIGs), educators who work together on shared problems and solutions.
- Teachers receive graduate-level professional development in their own classrooms and schools through distance-education courses.
- Organization affiliates, local and regional organizations around the world, combine resources and information.
- Conferences, such as Telecommunications in Education (TEL*ED) and the National Educational Computing Conference (NECC), held each year, provide opportunities for learning, growth, and communication.
- In professional committees, peers and experts develop vision and policy for the future.
- The Private Sector Council fosters creative partnerships with business, industry, and

education.

- ISTE provides Accreditation recommendations for colleges of education.
- STE formulates national and international educational technology initiatives.
- ISTE government and legislative representation is provided through lobbying.

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