

Digital School Boards Survey

The Center for Digital Education, in conjunction with the National School Boards Association, conducts the Digital School Boards Survey. More than 2,500 school districts are invited to participate in the study which examines and documents school boards' online presence, technology applications that allow the public to interact with school board members as well as their access to information such as school board calendars, policies and agendas, and technology advancements in the school board chambers.



Highest-ranking School Districts Honored for Technology Innovation Know-How

The Center for Digital Education (Center), the National School Boards Association and *Converge Online* magazine announced the winners of the nation's fifth annual Digital School Districts Survey. The purpose of the survey is to showcase exemplary school boards and districts' use of technology to govern the district, communicate with students, parents and the community and to improve district operations.

All U.S. public school boards/districts were invited to participate in the survey. Schools were placed in three categories based on size of enrollment. Winners reflected those school districts with the fullest implementation of technology standards in the evolution of digital education.

Marina Leight, vice president of the Center for Digital Education, said, "The survey responses show that school districts across the nation are doing an outstanding job of using technology to increase communication with their students, the parents and the community, not only through their Web sites but also using newer technologies such as wireless notifications, blogs and grade portals. We applaud their successes!"

School boards must move with the times, as technology grows and changes," said Anne L. Bryant, executive director for the National School Boards Association. "Especially in these difficult economic times, it is essential for school districts to come up with creative and innovative ways to use technology. NSBA salutes this year's top Digital School Boards for taking the lead and setting the bar for school districts around the country."

The Center thanks SMART Technologies for underwriting the 2008 Digital School Districts Survey and for supporting our nation's schools.

2008 Digital School Districts Survey - Top Ten Winners

Large Category - More than 15,000 students:

- 1st Cherokee County School District, Ga.
- 2nd Jeffco Public Schools, Colo.
- 3rd Forsyth County School District, Ga.
- 4th Newport News Public Schools, Va. (tie)
- 4th Olathe District Schools, Kan. (tie)
- 5th Seattle Public Schools, Wash.
- 6th Blue Valley Schools, Kan.
- 7th Clark County School District, Nev. (tie)
- 7th Cleveland County Schools, N.C. (tie)
- 8th Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, Ga.
- 9th Hillsborough County Public Schools, Fla. (tie)
- 9th Issaquah School District, Wash. (tie)
- 10th Newton County School System, Ga.

Medium Category - 2,501 - 15,000 students

- 1st Andover Public Schools, Kan. (tie)
- 1st Henry County Schools, Va. (tie)
- 2nd Bellingham School District, Wash.
- 3rd Madison City Schools, Ala.
- 4th Fayetteville Public Schools #1, Ark.
- 5th Barrow County Schools, Ga. (tie)
- 5th Jones County School System, Ga. (tie)
- 6th Marietta City Schools, Ga.
- 7th Daviess County Public Schools, Ky.
- 8th South Kitsap School District, Wash. (tie)
- 8th West Des Moines Community School District, Iowa (tie)
- 9th Camden County Schools, Ga.
- 10th Vineland School District, N.J.

Small Category - Less than 2,500 students:

- 1st Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District, N.Y.
- 2nd Lower Moreland Township School District, Pa.
- 3rd Avoca School District 37, Ill.
- 4th Gooding Joint School District #231, Idaho (tie)
- 4th Spackenkill Union Free School District, N.Y. (tie)
- 5th Big Horn County School District 2, Wyo.
- 6th Chilton Public School District, Wis. (tie)
- 6th Tornillo Independent School District, Tex. (tie)
- 7th Chickamauga City School System, Ga.
- 8th Hanson School District-30, S.D.
- 9th Lyon County School District, Ky.
- 10th Brocton Central School, N.Y.