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Technology Sessions to Transform your Teaching-Take Two
Link to resources

Proficiency Level:

I incorporate a variety of technology tools to enhance teaching and learning, as well as, to communicate and collaborate and manage my productivity.

Developing: Sometimes   *Proficient*: Regularly   *Innovative*: Teach Others

Sessions:

       How to: 25 min   Quick Takes: 25 min   Workshop: 55 min

Time/Session Type	Sessions
12:20 How to **Location:A115** Jamie Sepa	**Microsoft Windows 7 and Office 2010** Learn about what you need to know about Microsoft Office 2010 and Windows 7 when your computer becomes virtual--Sign up required **Level: All Grade: 7-12**
12:20 How to **Location:A123** Wendy Ku	**Blended Learning** Learn about an action research project conducted this year in Introduction to Engineering Design, using the blended learning classroom model. Instructional videos were created to help scaffold the learning The findings from this action research include student perspectives from pre and post surveys, the teachers' perspectives, along with student work and assessments. **Level: Proficient Grade: K-12**
12:20 Quick Takes **Location:A128** Dave Salonia	**SynchronEyes Advanced Topics** This technology session will focus on SynchronEyes software and how you can use it to help your students learn more in the computer lab. We will address several areas of the system including broadcasting to student computers, monitoring student activity, creating/administering online assessments, and more. **Level: Proficient Grade: 7-12**
12:20 Workshop **Location:A214** Danielle Sparks	**Edmodo** This session will provide you with an overview of Edmodo - a safe and secure social media tool that is now available for use in your classroom. You will learn how to set up your Edmodo account, create Edmodo groups and invite students to join, create and grade assignments, post calendar events, add items to the library, and engage parents with parent accounts. **Level: All Grade: 7-12**
12:20 Quick Takes **Location:Amphitheater** Bryan Marchinkoski	**Best Educational Apps for Teacher Use** View this quick-take to learn about some great apps for productivity and your profession on your iPad. **Level: All Grade: 7-12**
12:20 Workshop **Location:C333** Anjanette Belmonte	**Audacity** In this session, you will learn how to create a podcast using Audacity. You will learn to add a music track and export the file as an mp3. **Level: Proficient Grade: K-12**
12:20 How to **Location:D170** Tyler Webb	**Dropbox** Hear about Dropbox lately? Come see how to use it for your home and school life. **Level: Proficient Grade: K-12**
12:20 Quick Takes **Location:D172** Jeanmarie Miller Brenda Nieroda	**Innovation Subcommittee: Best Practices** Learn about what your colleagues have been up to in the Innovation Subcommittee. **Level: All Grade: 7-12**

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12:20 How to **Location:D174** Kristen Brighenti	**Why Wiki: Using Collaborative Technology to Enhance Student Understanding and Address the Common Core** In this session educators will learn how to enhance student understanding through the use of wikis. By working in collaborative literature groups both in the classroom and online, students explore the importance of setting, theme, and author's style. Through reflection, research, and analytic and creative writing, students utilize the wiki to discuss and display their work. Also, learn how to engage students as they create and embed movie clips, audio files, images and more. **Level: Proficient Grade: 7-12**
12:20 Workshop **Location:Lab 1** Peg Grocki Stephanie Round	**Accessing the Common Core through NoodleTools** Explore strategies to support readers in identifying multiple main ideas and supporting details presented in informational text. Learn how to extract this information and organize it using NoodleTools. **Level: All Grade: 7-12**
12:20 Workshop **Location:A117** Keith Berthiaume	**Mail Merge for the Time-Starved Teacher** D and F intervention lists got you overwhelmed? Sixty letters of recommendations to write and October 1st is three days away? There's a solution! This is a great way to speed up the process of sending multiple e-mails or letters, making them tremendously personalized, and the best part: it will save you hours! Easy to follow instructions that will save you hours each term. **Level: All Grade: 7-12**
12:20 Quick Takes **Location:Library 1** Dan Diana	**Turnitin: Peer Review** We will explore how to generate different types of assignments (Revision, Peer Review, Reflection), how to create your own grading comments and insert them, and how to post discussion topics for a blog **Level: Proficient Grade: 7-12**
12:20 How to **Location:Library 2** Jen Dion	**Blogger** Have your students create, collaborate, reflect and connect – all by creating a classroom blog! Join me to learn about Blogger, Google's blogging platform and create a new classroom experience. **Level: All Grade: 7-12**
1:00 Quick Takes **Location:A119** Doug Nielson	**Can you be Safer Online?** How important is data security to our daily work as teachers? What are some of the most common cyber-scams circulating the internet? And how is the explosion of mobile data devices impacting our ability to practice responsible digital citizenship. This presentation will provide some recent data security trends as well as practical tips for staying safer online. **Level: All Grade: 7-12**
1:00 How to **Location:A126** Liz McKay	**Google Apps-Forms** Would you like to be able to quiz students online? Would you like to be able to survey students, parents, or other staff members without having to deal with all that paper? Do you want a better way for students to collect, share, and analyze data for course assignments? Google Forms is for you! Learn a fast, free, and easy way to create and share surveys online. **Level: Proficient Grade: K-12**
1:00 Quick Takes **Location:A127** Susan Zenick	**Webinars and Websites: Whitelist** When you have the time to learn something new, would you like to know some great online resources to turn to? We will share some of our favorite sites with you to peruse at your leisure—with a cup of tea?—for learning the ins and outs of Google/ the CCSS/ and more. **Level: All Grade: K-12**
1:00 How to **Location:Amphitheater** Bryan Marchinkoski	**Using Turning Point for Self-paced tests** Create quick answer keys to quizzes and have your students use clickers at their own pace to take them. It's easier than you think! Never grade another multiple choice test again. **Level: Innovative Grade: K-12**

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1:00 How to **Location:D170** Marlene Reisler	**Educreations** This how-to will demonstrate how teachers can create their own instructional videos using a whiteboard environment to reinforce classroom content. Similar to the Khan Academy, the videos capture the teacher's voice and handwriting. The Educreation website also provides an app for the iPad to create videos. Learn how to sign up, create a short video and post it to the web for your students to access. **Level: Proficient Grade: K-12**
1:00 How to **Location:D174** Amy Zima	**Smartboard Recorder** Mini Lessons Recorded and Student Tutorials See how to use a technology to create a Screencast that will record your screen and voice. Stop repeating yourself and utilize your class time! **Level: Proficient Grade: 7-12**
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1:30 Workshop **Location:A119** Melanie Swider	**Managing Google Apps with Students** Have a Google account through simsburyschools.net? If you do, come learn how you can use Google Drive to its full potential in your classroom. Learn how your students can create a digital portfolio, comment on one another's writing, and collaborate on documents with partners. You will also learn how you can share documents with your entire class with one click and work on documents together as a whole class too! You will also see how you can read all students writing whenever you want and comment on it, without having to worry about flash drives, printing, or saving. **Level: Proficient Grade: 5-12**
1:30 How to **Location:A123** Amy Muska	**Wellness** Want to improve your personal fitness level or track the food you consume but are lost in the world of apps? You are not alone, come to the Wellness app session to learn about a variety of apps that allows you to tracks your fitness activity, food consumption, monitor heart rate or provides you with a variety of activities eliminating the need to be creative. **Level: All Grade: K-12**
1:30 Workshop **Location:A125** Chris Tranberg	**iPad for Administrators** Apps and knowhow for managing files, annotation, and productivity **Level: All Grade: Admin**
1:30 How to **Location:A127** Deb Manning	**Livebinder** Come see what LiveBinder's are, how they work, and possibilities for your own learning. **Level: Innovative Grade: K-12**
1:30 Workshop **Location:A117** Brenda Nieroda	**Excel for All** Excel is an excellent tool for data analysis and representation. Tables and graphs can be created in Excel and used to enhance projects and reports for any discipline. During this session, we will explore entering data into Excel, organizing the data, and creating graphs of our data. **Level: Proficient Grade: 7-12**

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1:30 Workshop **Location:A214** Addy Robarge	**Getting started with Google Apps** Learn how to set up your Google account for simsburyschools.net and then explore the collaborative features of this cloud-based productivity tool.--Sign up required **Level: Developing Grade: K-12**
1:30 Workshop **Location:C150** Karen LaClair	**File Management: Don't be a Digital Hoarder** Come to this workshop to learn how to and get time for organizing your professional life! **Level: Developing Grade: K-12**
1:30 Workshop **Location:C333** Kim Wolf Steve Petrella	**DE Science** A must for any teacher who teaches science in the K-8 community. Learn how to utilize a new tab within your DiscoveryEducation Account. The workshop will get you excited about innovative changes within your classroom to better student understanding, home-school collaboration, and simplifying your life. Please be sure to have your login information before attending. **Level: All Grade: K-8**
1:30 Quick Takes **Location:D170** Tyler Webb	**RSS Readers/Social News Magazines** Learn how to make your interests come to you. This quick-take session will show you apps and websites that feed you the information you want to read saving you time. **Level: All Grade: K-12**
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1:30 How to **Location:D174** Marty Heagney	**Skype EDU and Facetime** This session will cover Skype's latest tool: SkypeEdu which offers great ways for teachers to collaborate and share classroom activities. Facetime will also be shown. **Level: Proficient Grade: K-12**
1:30 Workshop **Location:Lab 1** Peg Grocki	**Creating Flipped Materials** Wondering how you would begin to flip your classroom lessons, or why you would want to? Come find out more and begin creating instructional videos for your classroom. **Level: Innovative Grade: K-12**
1:30 Quick Takes **Location:Lab 2** Kristina Nordell Annette Minella	**There's an App for That! Assessment tools** Learn about a variety of applications and features available on your i-Device in order to collect data on student progress. You can have all of your student data at your fingertips for report cards and progress reporting! **Level: All Grade: K-12**
1:30 Quick Takes **Location:Library 1** Mike Mckenna	**Social Networking** Social Networking sites are second-nature to many of our students, but they don't have to be limited to recreational uses. Connect with educators and share resources and discussions with students using Twitter – a microblogging service that handles over 1.6 billion search queries daily. Create your own personal learning network using the web-building platform Ning to share content and ideas with your colleagues. This quick session will focus on strengthening and diversifying your learning environment with some of today's most popular, powerful, online tools. **Level: Proficient Grade: K-12**
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2:00 How to **Location:A126** Jeanmarie Miller	**Apps and More from an iPad Classroom** How can you use iPads in your classroom? Come see some apps for note taking with Evernote, as well as, some apps for white boards, quizzes, and interactive learning. **Level: All Grade: K-12**
2:00 How to **Location:A127** Wendy Ku	**Electronic Portfolios using PDF** Digital portfolios are an effective means of documenting and organizing student learning through multiple forms of technology and digital media. Students in our Technology & Engineering department courses use multiple sources of technology throughout their design projects and create digital portfolios as a comprehensive means of presenting and communicating their ideas. Their digital portfolios are created in an Adobe Portable Document Files (PDF's) and have been used as an assessment tool for teachers to evaluate their work, as it effectively presents information in multiples formats such as text documents, picture files, and presentation files. **Level: Innovative Grade: K-12**
2:00 How to **Location:Amphitheater** Erin Sullivan Katie Bristol	**Explain Everything** Learn how to use the App 'Explain Everything' to create videos for students and parents, as well as, how students can use it to learn from each other. **Level: All Grade: K-12**
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2:00 Workshop **Location:Lab 2** Kristina Nordell	**Smartboard 101** Have a SMARTboard and want to integrate it more into your daily lessons? Then this workshop is for you! We will learn and practice basic tools of the SMARTboard Notebook software from orientating to utilizing many features to enhance lessons. **Level: Developing Grade: K-12**
2:00 How to **Location:Library 1** Jen Dion	**Facebook Settings and Securities** Facebook is a social network that boasts over 900 million users. Come learn how to navigate and manage your private profiles on this very public network. Topics included are privacy settings and how to set up a group page for school related activities. **Level: All Grade: K-12**

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2:30 How to **Location:A125** Haley Brown	**iMovie** Have an iPad, iPod Touch, and/or iPhone 4 with iMovie but don't know how to get it all going for your personal and/or school use? Come to this 'how to' session to learn how to make movies from the ground up. **Level: Proficient Grade: K-12**
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2:30 Quick Takes **Location:Library 2** Bryan Marchinkoski Kim Wolf	**Instead of PowerPoint** Tired of making and seeing PowerPoints? Come and learn how to make your presentations more exciting and engaging for your students **Level: All Grade: K-12**
3:00 Workshop **Location:A115** Mike Mckenna	**Wikispaces: Online Projects** At this session you will see how to use Wikis and Project Pages to engage students and extend their thinking. **Level: Proficient Grade: K-6**
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12:20-4:00 PM   Collaboration and Contemplation Café

Will be open for you or your team to learn and work at your own pace on all things technology and education related. It's also a good place to take a break or grab a headset to view a webinar or explore a website. Some suggestions are below.

Webinars to Take a Look at:
    Google Hangouts for Educators :https://sites.google.com/site/eduonair/conference-sessions

    ISTE Archived Webinars: http://www.iste.org/store/my-virtual-products
        Sign-in: Username-jlytwynec
        Password-tech2013
           Then go to Store/ My Virtual Products

Websites to Explore:
    Teachingchannel: https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos?default=1

    NBCLearn free resources: http://www.nbclearn.com/portal/site/learn/resources

    Gooru: http://bit.ly/spsgooru

    engageNY for Common Core videos: http://bit.ly/ccssvideos