

# PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

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Welcome

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# Welcome

## Welcome to *Closing the Achievement Gap with Technology Conference!*

The primary goal of this custom Conference is to help teachers become more effective teachers through the integration of technology into the daily curriculum. A further goal is to deliver these skills and resources by concentrating on curriculum first and technology second. Integral to that are Conference goals that focus on:

- Developing instructional strategies that support integrating technology into the curriculum
- Developing technology skills and tools necessary to be successful in using technology
- Gaining an understanding of basic and/or advanced Internet tools
- Improving student performance through instructional technologies

### ***Can Teachers Really Integrate Technology to Improve Student Achievement?***

*Yes, but only if educators have access to powerful tools and high quality professional development to learn effective strategies that generate significant and lasting change. You are a key to achieving this goal.*

#### Keynote Address



**Rem Jackson**, President and CEO of Top Practices and a founder of Classroom Connect, is an entertaining and informative presenter. He speaks to thousands of educators every year on Internet-related topics at national and regional conferences. He speaks frequently at in-service programs and conference keynote addresses where his ability to guide participants through complex technical issues has helped teachers, administrators, media specialists, technology coordinators and other educators more easily integrate the Internet into their curriculum.

Please visit the conference website at:  
**[http://twi.classroom.com/workshops/hisd\\_conf](http://twi.classroom.com/workshops/hisd_conf)**  
for session handouts and additional resources.

# Conference Schedule

## Day 1 and Day 2

| 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM                                  | 9:55 AM - 10:55 AM   | 11:05 AM - 12:05 PM   | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  | 2:20 PM - 3:10 PM  | 3:20 PM - 3:45 PM                                      |
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| <b>Keynote Presentation<br/>by<br/>Rem Jackson</b> | <b>Digital Storytelling</b><br>(Room 300a)                             | <b>Digital Storytelling</b><br>(Room 300a)                          | <b>Digital Storytelling</b><br>(Room 300a)                             | <b>Digital Storytelling</b><br>(Room 300a)                             | <b>Closing<br/>Presentation<br/>by<br/>Rem Jackson</b> |
|  | <b>Internet Magic</b><br>(Room 210)                                    | <b>Language Arts and Technology (Elementary)</b><br>(Room 210)      | <b>Internet Magic</b><br>(Room 210)                                    | <b>Online Tools That Strengthen Literacy Instruction</b><br>(Room 210) |  |
|  | <b>Project-based Learning with the Net</b><br>(Room 310)               | <b>Digital Storytelling</b><br>(Room 310)                           | <b>Project-based Learning with the Net</b><br>(Room 310)               | <b>Digital Storytelling</b><br>(Room 310)                              |  |
|  | <b>Online Tools to Support Differentiated Instruction</b><br>(Library) | <b>HOT WebQuests</b><br>(Library)                                   | <b>Online Tools to Support Differentiated Instruction</b><br>(Library) | <b>HOT WebQuests</b><br>(Library)                                      |  |
|  | <b>Online Science Tools and Resources (Elementary)</b><br>(Room 207)   | <b>Online Science Tools and Resources (Secondary)</b><br>(Room 207) | <b>Do the Numbers: Secondary Math</b><br>(Room 207)                    | <b>Online Science Tools and Resources (Elementary)</b><br>(Room 207)   |  |
|  | <b>Do the Numbers: Elementary Math</b><br>(Room C223)                  | <b>Web 2.0</b><br>(Room C223)                                       | <b>Do the Numbers: Elementary Math</b><br>(Room C223)                  | <b>Web 2.0</b><br>(Room C223)  |  |
|  | <b>Digital Cameras in the Classroom</b><br>(Room 114c)                 | <b>Digital Cameras in the Classroom</b><br>(Room 114c)              | <b>Digital Cameras in the Classroom</b><br>(Room 114c)                 | <b>Digital Cameras in the Classroom</b><br>(Room 114c)                 |  |
|  | <b>Interactive Whiteboards</b><br>(Room C216)                          | <b>Interactive Whiteboards</b><br>(Room C216)                       | <b>Interactive Whiteboards</b><br>(Room C216)                          | <b>Interactive Whiteboards</b><br>(Room C216)                          |  |
|  | <b>Creative Expressions</b><br>(Room 100h)                             | <b>Creative Expressions</b><br>(Room 100h)                          | <b>Creative Expressions</b><br>(Room 100h)                             | <b>Creative Expressions</b><br>(Room 100h)                             |  |

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# Session Descriptions

## **Creative Expressions (Room 100h) - Isai Gutierrez (HISD Staff)**

Revitalize your lessons and engage your students with creative tools that support 21st century learning. Participants will be shown inexpensive software demonstrating visual web-based lessons that challenge learners to think differently. Bring your imagination.

## **Digital Cameras in the Classroom (Room 114c) - Pam Anderson (HISD Staff)**

Discuss ways that digital cameras can enhance teaching and learning in the classroom. Learn about free editing software to enhance your photographs and explore tools that already might be at your campus.

## **Digital Storytelling (Rooms 300a and 310) - Mary White and Helen Teague or Ladd Skelly**

Digital storytelling is an exciting and motivating technology resource that assists teachers develop unique learning experiences for students. You'll be amazed at the power of this cross curricular tool, its ease of use, and the free development tools and resources that are available.

## **Do the Numbers: Elementary Math (Room C223) - Connie Gray**

Did you know that the Web offers a variety of opportunities to help you teach elementary mathematics? Come peruse remarkable resources, innovative ideas, and interactive tools that are popping up everywhere. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

## **Do the Numbers: Secondary Math (Room 207) - Ann Thompson**

The Web offers a variety of ways to help you teach secondary mathematics. Come explore online resources, innovative ideas, and dynamic tools that focus on instruction and learning.

## **HOT WebQuests (Library) - Kay Rewert**

WebQuests are inquiry-oriented, Internet-research projects that require students to actively search, select, analyze and synthesize the information they encounter (HOT - Higher Order Thinking). Come and experience the latest thinking and best examples.

## **Interactive Whiteboards (Room C216) - Farhan Shah HISD Staff**

This session has two major components: basic functions of the interactive whiteboard and integration of interactive whiteboards into lessons. Using the SMART Board as an example, the session will demonstrate how to create a media literate classroom with the interactive whiteboard as its centerpiece.

## **Internet Magic! (Room 210) - Gloria Pearce**

Some people just always seem to know the coolest Web sites. We've asked an educator that routinely astounds us with extreme coolness to share it all with you. When you return to school you'll amaze your peers and students too.

## **Language Arts and Technology (Elementary) (Room 210) - Gloria Pearce**

Participants will discover ways to build important language arts skills in students through technology. Participants will learn how to use the Internet to supplement language and build strong reading and writing skills for all students.

## **Online Tools That Strengthen Literacy (Room 210) - Gloria Pearce**

Today's literacy instruction covers a wide range of media, including online resources that you can employ in your classroom to increase students' fluency, accuracy, understanding, and enjoyment. The presenter will share examples of projects at a variety of grade levels, and demonstrate how you can teach literacy as part of your reading instruction and technology integration.

## **Online Tools to Support Differentiated Instruction (Library) - Kay Rewert**

Explore the vital role technology can play in providing students appropriate scaffolding for their individual needs. Discover Web-based sites, activities, and lessons that provide for all kinds of learners simultaneously and effectively.

## **Online Science Tools and Resources: Elementary Edition (Room 207) - Ann Thompson**

No subject area fits with technology more than science. Technology is science! Come and discover resources galore! Learn the best ones and see how seamlessly you can integrate them into your classroom.

## **Online Science Tools and Resources: Secondary Edition (Room 207) - Ann Thompson**

There are so many ways technology can enhance the inquiry-based approach in science. Come and explore the best online resources and projects and see how seamlessly you can integrate them into your classroom.

## **Project-based Learning with the Net (Room 310) - Ladd Skelly or Helen Teague**

Typical research and online projects are topic-based, but making them problem-centered can drastically increase the effectiveness of these learning opportunities. See how to make this shift in your teaching and explore ideas you can use.

## **Web 2.0 (Room C223) - Connie Gray**

Whether you're an Internet pro or new to the online scene, times are changing and quicker than ever. This session goes beyond simple websites to explore communication and publishing tools such as Wikis and Blogs and examine their place within classroom instruction.



# School Site Map

## Second Floor





