

## Batesville School District



# *21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning* **Classroom Redesign Project**

*Equipping students with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy.  
Empowering teachers with transformative tools.*

The Batesville School District is launching a Classroom Redesign Project to furnish selected teachers with classroom sets of laptops. Certified teachers in the district may apply for participation in the program.

The **PROGRAM GOALS** are to:

- Empower teachers with classroom technologies that enable them to transform the way they teach.
- Equip students with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy that will allow them to compete in today's global market.
- Improve student achievement.

Apply online at  
<http://bsd21classrooms.blogspot.com/> by  
**April 17, 2009**

Optional Question &  
Answer Session:  
**April 10, 2009 @ 3:45**  
**BHS Computer Lab**

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

A district committee will use a competitive application process to select teachers to participate. Using a rubric to evaluate applications, the committee will base their choices on a teacher's interest in providing students greater access to technology and a proven ability to collaborate, cooperate, and invest time in learning new tools and strategies to improve academic achievement.

## **TRANSFORMATIVE TOOLS**

The selected teachers will each receive a classroom set of mini laptop computers, a storage/charging station, and ongoing support through collaborative staff development. Teachers will also receive additional tools (headphones, digital cameras, digital video cameras...) as funds become available.

## **STRATEGIES TO MAXIMIZE PROGRAM SUCCESS**

The following actions will help ensure teachers have the support and strategies to succeed in the project:

- The Project Director, Lisa Huff, will coordinate monthly meetings with participating teachers to assess the progress of the program and to facilitate continuing staff development.
- Teachers will document the progress of the project by publishing weekly entries on their blogs.
- Administrators will complete the ISTE Classroom Observation Tool when observing participating teachers.
- Teachers will display a student project at the Batesville School District 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classrooms Showcase May 17, 2010.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Participants in the program are required to attend six days of training in the summer: June 8-12 and July 27.

## **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

The district will host a question and answer session about the project and application process on April 10, 2009, at 3:45 in the Batesville High School computer lab. This meeting is **optional** and will not affect a participant's score on the application.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Apply online no later than **April 17, 2009**, at <http://bsd21classrooms.blogspot.com>. At the site, you can access a print-friendly copy of the application and the application rubric.