



TECH 2009 QUICK FACTS

TECH 2009 SCHOOL SELECTION PROCESS

- 88 school teams from across the state of Illinois will were selected to participate in TECH 2009 at the State Capitol Building on April 30th.
- Schools were selected based on their legislative district affiliation and the content of the project proposed for demonstration. The TECH 2009 committee strives to invite a school from each legislative district to demonstrate at the event.
- The deadline to apply to participate in TECH 2009 was Jan. 12. Notification of selection status was emailed and mailed via USPS to each applying school in late-January.

TECH 2009 ORGANIZATION

- TECH 2009 will take place in the rotunda at the State Capitol Building in Springfield.
- Each demonstrating school will be provided a 6' table on which to display project information. (The set-up of TECH 2009 is similar to a science fair.)
- 44 demonstrations will be set up from approx. 9:45am-Noon, and another 44 demonstrations be set up from approx. 12:45pm-3pm.
- Attendance at the demonstration table is limited to a total of **four** participants from each school, one of whom must be a staff member.
- Four t-shirts will be provided for the four team members from your school.
- Demonstrating schools are asked to bring all display items with them. Computers will NOT be provided for demonstrating school teams,
- Most schools bring a laptop computer and a table-top display board for their demonstration display. Small, easily portable items are required. Televisions, large monitors and projection devices are NOT allowed.
- Demonstrating teams wishing to use wireless internet connection must bring laptop(s) running either XP or Mac OS X.
- TECH 2009 is open to the public.

TECH 2009 TEAM PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- The goal of TECH 2009 is for demonstrating schools to educate legislators about schools' educational technology needs. If selected to participate in TECH 2009, you and your students will be asked to: 1) publicize the event to your local media, 2) invite your legislators to visit you at TECH 2009, 3) write a "story" of technology use in your school for distribution at the event, and 4) invite your legislators to visit your classroom. You are asked to give a copy of your story to your legislators when they visit your demonstration table.
- Participating schools completing these tasks are eligible to participate in a prize drawing for a digital camera worth approximately \$250.00!