

Tech4Learning tools and professional development can help you meet the goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Enhancing Education Through Technology (ARRA-EETT) grant programs. The Educational Technology State Grants program provides grants to State Education Agencies in order to:

- Improve student academic achievement through the use of technology in schools
- assist all students in becoming technologically literate by the end of the eighth grade
- encourage effective integration of technology with teacher training and curriculum development

These efforts must also be supported by high-quality professional development on the integration of technology in the curriculum.

Support ARRA-EETT Goals with Tech4Learning Tools and Professional Development		
ARRA-EETT Suggested Activity	Strategies and Activities	Tech4Learning Product
(1) Professional development to promote the integration of technology into curricula and instruction	Tech4Learning’s ProjectLearn Academy helps educators design and implement project-based learning with technology as a cornerstone of curriculum instruction.	ProjectLearn Academy
	Tech4Learning’s integration workshops help teachers and trainers incorporate Tech4Learning products into the core curriculum.	Integration Workshops
(2) Public-private partnerships to increase students’ and teachers’ access to technology	Tech4Learning tools include at-home licenses for teachers to utilize products at home for lesson planning and evaluation of student work.	Pixie, Wixie, Frames, Share ImageBlender, Twist
	Tech4Learning offers discounts for parents to purchase products for student home use.	Parent Purchase Program for Pixie, Frames, Share, ImageBlender, and Twist
	Tech4Learning provides free online resources, including activities, lessons, and media for student project work.	Recipes4Success Pics4Learning
(4) Purchasing effective curricula that use technology	Tech4Learning has developed extension activities correlated to Houghton Mifflin Reading textbooks from grades 2-6, and ideas for meeting NETS for Students.	Pixie, Wixie, Frames, Share ImageBlender, Twist Correlations to: - NETS for Students - Houghton Mifflin Reading - eMINTS goals
	Tech4Learning tools are acceptable software solutions for the eMints program.	
	Pixie includes over 800 curriculum-based activities designed to support skills and standards in grades K-5. Pixie has also been correlated to most state language arts and math standards.	Pixie Correlations to: -State Language Arts Standards -State Mathematics Standards

(5) Efforts to use technology to improve communication with parents	Students can easily develop and share online podcasts, web pages, and Flash videos that demonstrate understanding, show student progress, and share classroom work with parents.	Pixie, Wixie, Frames, Share
	Teachers can keep parents informed about classroom activities, learning goals, and student progress by creating printed newsletters, recurring podcasts, and classroom web sites.	Pixie, Wixie, Frames, Share
(6) The preparation of teachers to serve as technology experts in their schools	Tech4Learning is a Professional Development Affiliate of the Partnership for 21 st Century Skills (P21) and offers professional development for project-based learning and technology.	ProjectLearn Academies Integration Workshops
	Tech4Learning’s Recipes4Success resource helps teachers integrate technology into their classrooms.	Recipes4Success
	Tech4Learning’s online communities provide arenas for discussion, idea sharing, and lesson planning.	Connect Trading Post
(7) Acquiring and maintaining hardware, software, and connectivity linkages	Research demonstrates that student centered learning with open-ended technology tools helps to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage students in the curriculum 2. Improve knowledge retention 3. Develop higher-order thinking 4. Build 21st century skills. 	Pixie, Wixie, Frames, Share ImageBlender, Twist Maintenance subscriptions and updates for Tech4Learning tools
(8) Developing and implementing information technology courses	Tech4Learning products can form a foundation for courses designed to meet NETS for Students technology standards.	Pixie, Wixie, Frames, Share ImageBlender, Twist
	Tech4Learning has developed lessons to use throughout the TechYES Technology Literacy Curriculum.	Integration Workshops Correlations to: -NETS for Students -TechYES Tech Literacy Curriculum
(9) Using technology to collect, manage and analyze data	Students build, maintain, and share performances demonstrating growth, mastery, and reflection through student-created digital portfolios.	Share

Source – ARRA Enhancing Education Through Technology Program Plan (www.recovery.gov/?q=content/program-plan&program_id=5320)