

K-12 Online Learning and Virtual Schools: Expanding Options and Opening Access (Susan Patrick, NACOL, 2006)

- There are 147 virtual charter schools with 65,354 students in 18 states.
- In 2002-2003, 36% of public high school districts in the United States offered distance education courses.
- 72% of school districts with distance education programs planned to expand online offerings in the coming year.

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- 2000: 40,000-50,000 enrollments in K-12 online education.
- 2002-03: Eduventures reported 300,000 students in virtual learning in US; 4,766 in Canada.
- 2002-2003: NCES reported 328,000 distance education enrollments in public K-12.
- 2005: Peak Group online enrollments of 500,000.
- 2006: Peak Group projects 1 million enrollments.

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- According to recent research from the Silent Epidemic study, 47% said a major reason for dropping out was that "classes were not interesting" and they were "bored"; 88% of drop outs had passing grades.
- 90% of the fastest growing jobs in the economy require a college degree
- 94% of students say that doing well in school is important to future success.
- College degree = 130% more income

Risky Business, Edutopia April 6, 2006, by James Daly

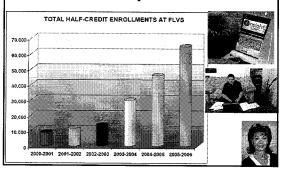
http://www.edutopia.org/magazine/ed1article.nhn?id=Art 1497&issue=anr 06

- Despite being the wealthiest country on Earth, America maintains a public education system in which 30 percent of high school students don't graduate, one out of every four reads below basic grade levels, and, compared to students from more affluent backgrounds, few of their low-income counterparts are adequately prepared for college.
- "Silent Epidemic"
 - Gates Foundation commissioned first study of high school drop outs
 - •88% had passing grades
 - 69% were not motivated to work hard
 - 66% would have worked harder if more had been demanded of them
 - •81% called for more real world learning opportunities

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- In April 2006, Michigan became the 1st state to require online learning for high school graduation.
- 80% of K-12 school districts cited "the course was otherwise unavailable" as the number one reason for offering courses at a distance.
- According to the Manhattan Institute, 70% of all students in public high schools graduate, and only 32% of all students leave high school qualified to attend fouryear colleges.

Growth of Online Learning in Secondary Schools



The Growth of Online

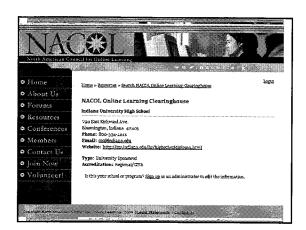


No Child Left Behind Summit, .

Learning and Students Today: Options for No Child Left Behind Susan Patrick, Director, Office of Educational Technology, U.S. Department of Education http://www.nclbtechsummits.or/syummits/presentations/p Patrick.pdf

- Reasons: Rural, medical, disabilities, at risk, work, sport, poverty, AP, supplement, catch up, summer, etc.
- Types: Virtual charter schools, State run schools, District run, University run.







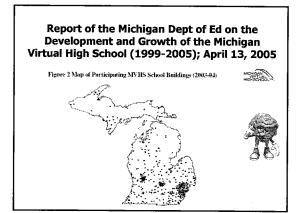
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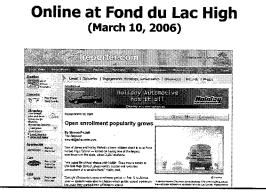
Figure 1 Summary of MVHS Courses and Online Enrollments

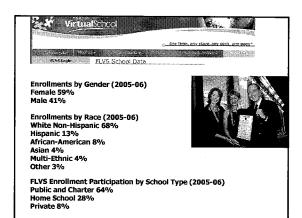
MVHS Courses and Online Euroliments: 1999-2005

Number of	99-110	89-61	91-02	02-03	03-04	04-05	Total
Schools Served *	18	101	194	182	385	345	711
Districts Served	18	95	179	221	242	263	453
Enrollments	100	676	2303	5299	6805	5277	20,460
Unique Course Offerings	- 6	17	27	128	142	141	167°
Test Preparation Users	0	7657	9513	21,337	37,513	49,541	125,561
Online Instructors Enrolled	Ð	18	87	87	3100	21	376

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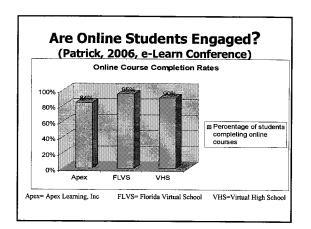


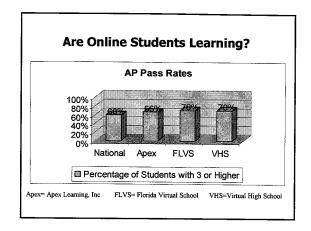






- 174 FLVS full-time and 106 adjunct teachers
- 80 Courses (from GED to 10 advanced placement courses)
- 31,000 students in 65,000 half-credit courses (2005-2006)
- Courses are delivered over the Internet. To assure student success with virtual learning, a variety of web-based, technology-based and traditional resources are provided. Teachers communicate with students and parents on a regular basis via phone, email, online chats, instant messaging, and discussion forums.
- http://www.fivs.net/educators/annual_external_evaluations.php

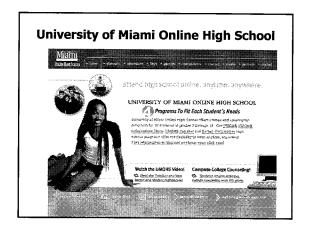


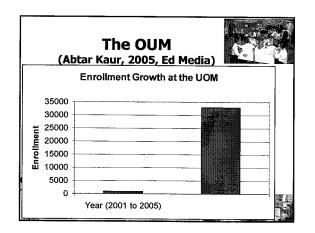


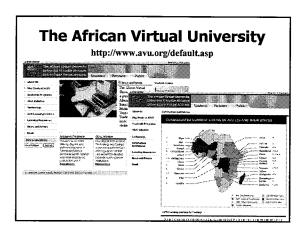
Virtual School Leaders Encourage Growth of K-12 Online Learning; Discuss High School Reform at Regional Summit (June 26, 2006)
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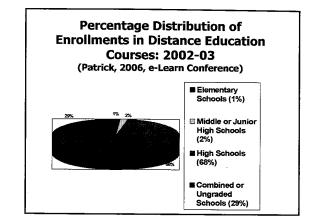
 "We know firsthand that demand for virtual education is growing," said FLVS President & CEO Julie Young.
 "For the past five years, we have seen double-digit growth at FLVS."

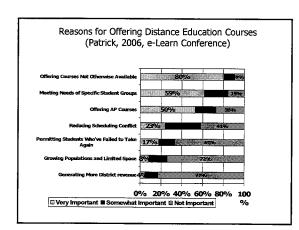
50,000 Utah Students Earning High School Credits Online! (June 20, 2006) Utah's online Electronic High School leads the nation in student enrollment By Tillary Erickson More that (0,000, Utah students are samile bein odeol credit from their becrosses, dees and kindnas. And though the Becrosses Hope from their becrosses, dees and kindnas. And though the Becrosses High Rook may not be the eithest way to earn create, publicates are fluctuage to the program to extent up on desires. Currently Vials has the largest online lowering congram in the country. Plotok is a disease scored with just cree 2,000 certified. Currently Vials has the largest online lowering congram in the country. Plotok is a disease scored use to give the great mobile of the Easterses (disp Bedock said Utah) had a jump on the create of the second of the country of t











Distance Education at Degree-Granting Postsecondary Institutions: 2000-2001 (Patrick, 2006, e-Learn Conference)

- 56% of all 2-year and 4-year institutions offer e-learning courses
- 127,000 online courses offered
- 3,077,000 enrollments in distance education courses
- 90% use asynchronous Internet based courses
- 51% use two-way interactive videoconferencing

What Leaders Need to Know: Four Key Ideas

(Patrick, 2006, e-Learn Conference)

- #1 Online Learning Expands Options
 - "The first impetus to the growth of K-12 distance education was an interest in expanding educational options and providing equal opportunities for all learners." (p.7)
- #2 Online Learning Is Rapidly Growing
 - "Recent Surveys show that K-12 online learning is a rapidly growing phenomenon." (p.4)
 - Growing 30% annually



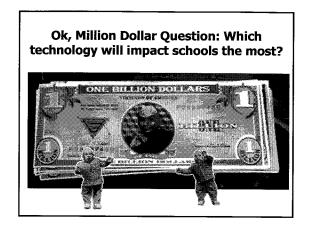
Online Learning Works

(Patrick, 2006, e-Learn Conference)

- #3 Is Effective: "Equal or Better"
 - "One conclusion seems clear: On average, students seem to perform equally well or better academically in online learning." (p. 17)
- #4 Improves Teaching
 - Teachers who teach online reported positive improvements in face-to-face, too.
 - "..three in four reported a positive impact on their face-to-face teaching."

(p. 25)





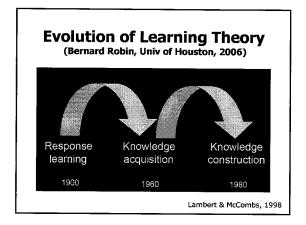


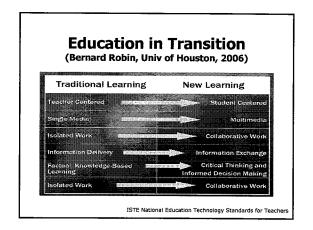
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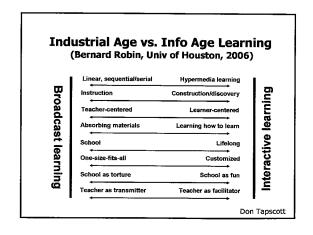
- Assistive Technologies 9.
 & Talking Computers
- 2. Blogs and Online Diaries
- 3. Digital Portfolios
- 4. Electronic Books
- 5. Online Communities and Learning Portals
- Intelligent Agents
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- 7. Online Exams and Homework
- 8. Online Games and Simulations (Massive Multiplayer Gaming)
- 9. Online Translation Tools & Language Lrng
- 10. Course Management Systems
- 11. Peer-to-Peer Collaboration
- 12. Reusable Content Objects
- 13. Videostreaming, IP Videoconferencing
- 14. Virtual Worlds/Reality
- 15. Wearable Computing
- 16. Wireless Tech: Tablet PCs, Handheld Devices

Technologies Expected to Most Impact the Delivery of Online Learning During the Next Five Years

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Digital Assistive Simulations Digital Peerto-Wireless Reusable Portfolios Tech and Games Libraries Peer Collab Tech Content Objects







SEDL, Tap into Knowledge, Knowledge Under Construction:

http://www.sedl.org/pubs/tapinto/v3n1.pdf

"When used appropriately, technology can become a mind tool, functioning as an intellectual partner with the learner to engage and facilitate critical thinking and higher-order thinking."

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"Thought processing software allows students to organize ideas, express concepts, map relationships, build idea webs and outline their thoughts in a graphical, visual, and non-linear fashion."

Computers as Cognitive Tools

Bonk (1989); Robert Kozma (1986)

- 1. Computers transform, translate, calculate, sort, order, integrate, infer
- 2. Amplify, extend, and enhance human capabilities
- 3. Reduce cognitive load, free up resources
- 4. Internalize overtly modeled processes
- 5. Limited WM, structure of LTM, and cognitive strats
- 6. Prompt or model: examples, ask questions, eval answers, pose a hypothesis
- 7. Organize notes, links, concept maps, outlines, notebook, graphs, self-check

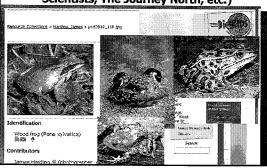
Role of Technology

- Computers to support not drill
- Use technology to enhance thinking—planning and revising learning goals, monitoring, reflecting on progress, construct knowledge
- · Simplify access to research materials
- Autonomy, social support, critique activities, develop problem-solving, connect evidence, organize ideas, rep arguments, make sense
- Facilitate data storage and transfer
- Communication within and beyond classroom.

Tech Rich Environments Goldman and Vandy Colleagues (1999)

- · Jasper Woodbury series (SMART)
- Problem solve and share solutions
- Little Planet Series
 - Research and write books
- The GLOBE project
 - Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment
- Collect data, observe, submit data and share results
- The Journey North
 - Ask experts, solve problems, track data, interview, collab
- The JASON Project
 - Interact with expedition team, virtual fieldtrips, explorations

Authentic Data Analysis (e.g., The Globe Project, Kids as Global Scientists, The Journey North, etc.)



Knowledge Building Communities Scardamalia & Bereiter (1994)

- Emphasis on problems, depth, open, decentralized, collective, communities.
- More advanced others participate, communal database, live experts, both open & private.
- Computer tools-foster choice of links, nature of relationships
- Asking leading questions, probing for details
- Alternative forms of assessment—group cooperation, design presentations, peer feedback

Kids as Global Scientists

(Nancy Songer, 1998)

- · Students learned about local weather
- Developed a proficiency with the Internet
- Communication used to hook students in for deeper science learning
- Students move from consumers to reporters and participants
- **Build new idea relationships through** greater personalization of information
- **Technology problems**

Students as Infotectives

(Jamie McKenzie, Grazing the Internet: Rasing a generation of fr ranging students. Sept. 1998, pp. 26-31, Phi Delta Kappan)

- · Envisioning what's possible, invent, rearrange
- Inquiry and Detective Skills
 - changing course, asking for help,
 - framing essential questions and subsidiary auestions,
 - planning voyage,
- screening garbage, analyzing data.
- · Suggesting and testing hypotheses
- · Seeing what's missing
- Suspending judgment



Any questions or comments so far?



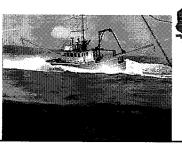




We're in the Midst of Storm 3: **Erased Budgets**





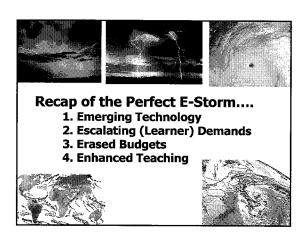




District's IT outsourcing could save \$1 million

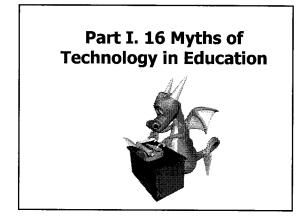
Successful Strategies for Saving & Securing Technology Funding

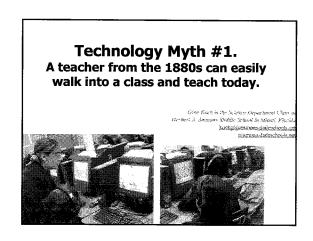


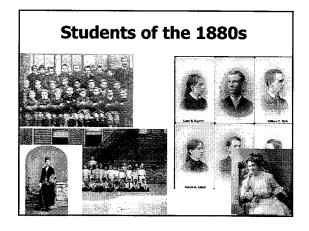


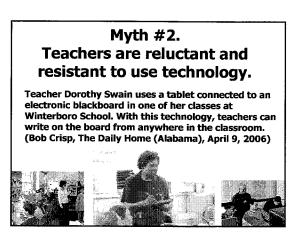
Poll #1. What are you???

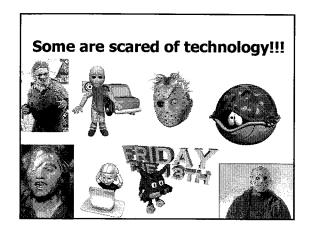
- A. Teacher, teacher assistant
- **B.** Special education teacher
- C. Counselor, school psychologist
- D. Curriculum specialist
- E. Administrator, principal
- F. Dept of Education, Gov't Official
- G. Social worker
- H. Other

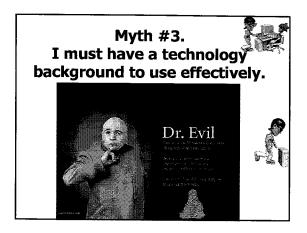


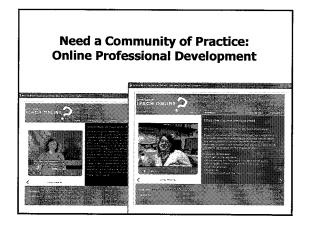


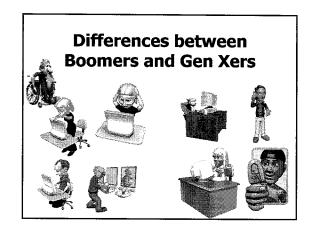










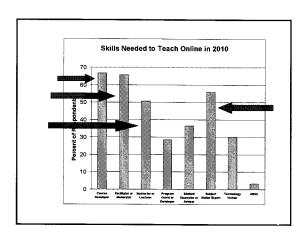


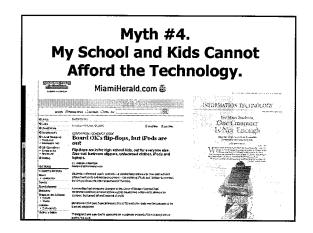
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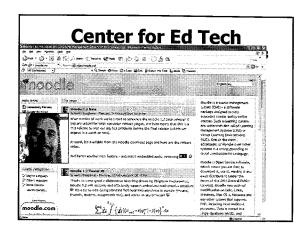
The Online Teacher, TAFE, Guy Kemshal-Bell (April, 2001)

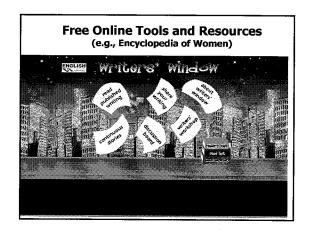
- Ability to engage the learner (30)
- Ability to motivate online learners (23)
- Ability to build relationships (19)
- Technical ability (18)
- Having a positive attitude (14)
- Adapt to individual needs (12)
- Innovation or creativity (11)

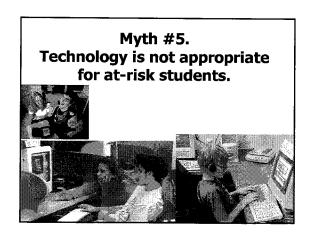


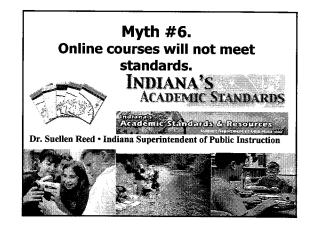


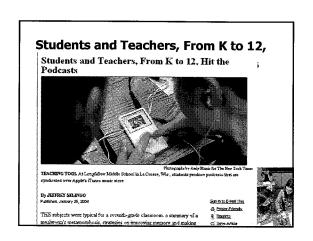


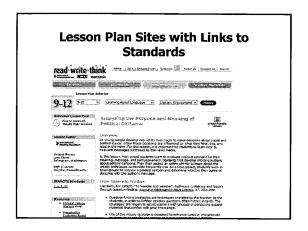


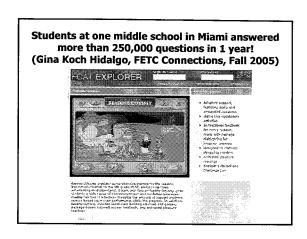


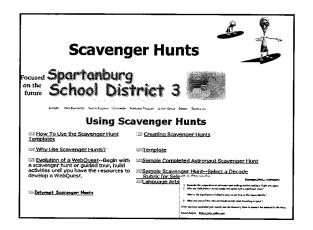


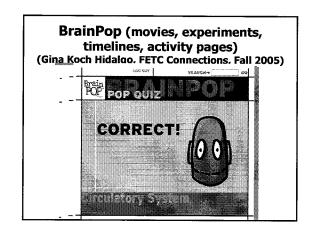


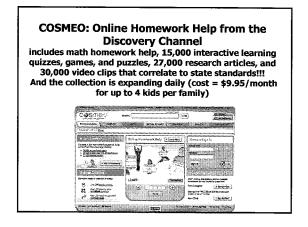


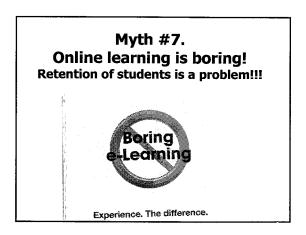


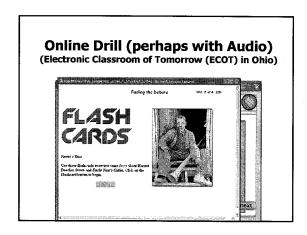






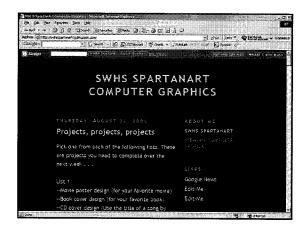


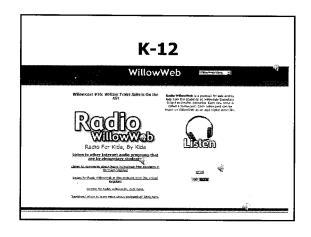


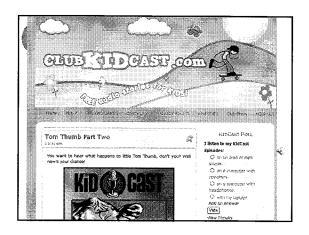


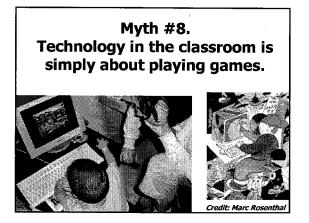
Use of Weblogs (especially English writing class)

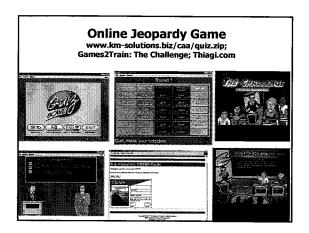
- Instructor or Tutor blog: resources, information, space to chat
 Learner blog: reflections, sharing links and pics, fosters ownership of learning
- Partner blog: work on team projects or activities
- Class blog: international exchanges, projects,
- 5. Revision: review and explode sentences from previous posts, add details
- Nutshell: summarize themes or comments across blogs
- 7. Blog on blog: reflections on feelings, confusions, and experiences with blogs

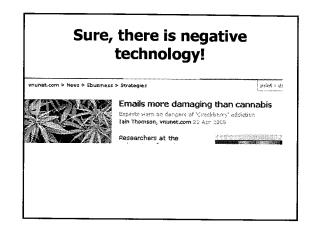






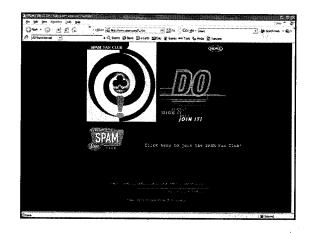


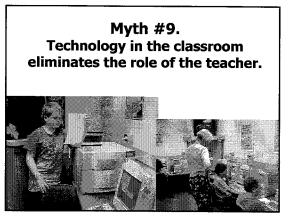


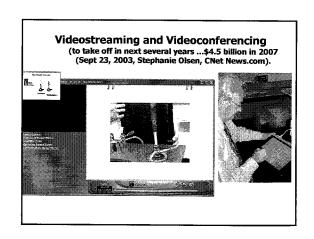


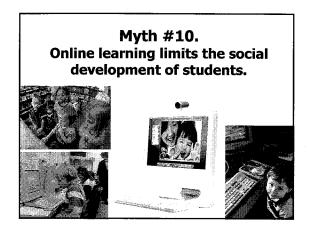
Monty Python Spam Song

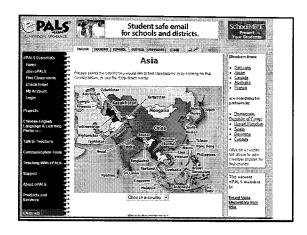
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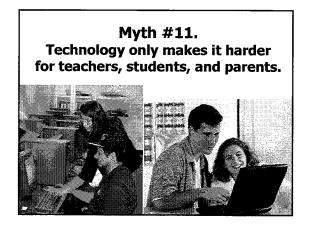


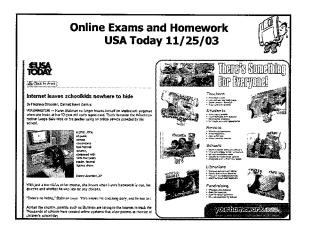


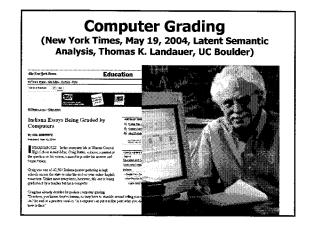


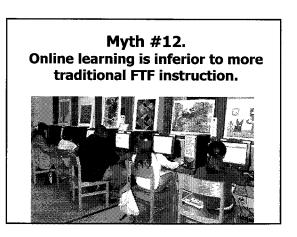












Technology in Schools: What the Research
Says (Fadel & Lemke; Metiri Group and Cisco Systems, 2006)

• Purposes of technology in schools

- Improve learning

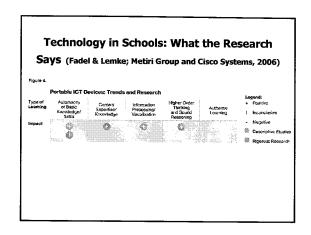
- Increase student engagement

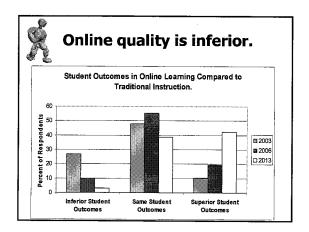
- Improve economics viability of students (productivity, technology fluency, teaming)

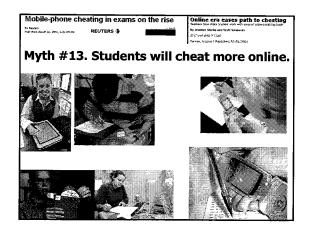
- Increasing relevancy and real-world apps

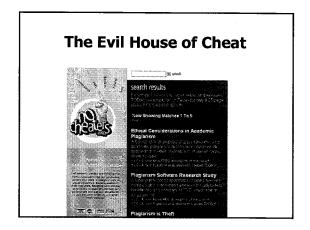
- Close digital divide

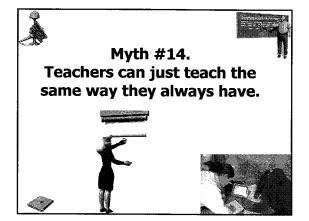
- Build 21st century skills (critical thinking, sound reasoning, global awareness, communication skills, information and visual literacy, creativity, productivitu, scientific reasoning, etc.)

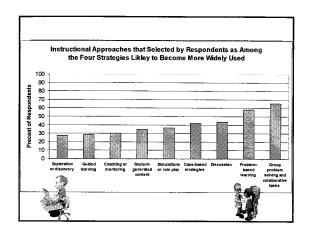


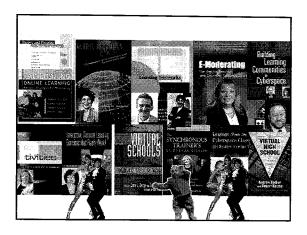




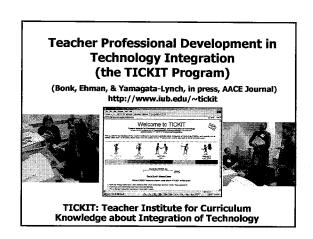


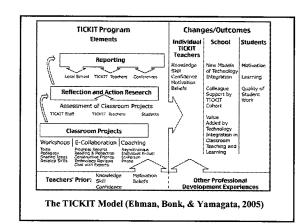




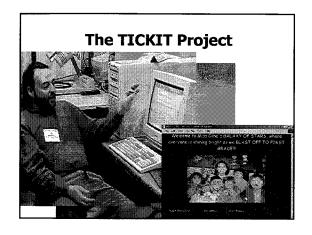


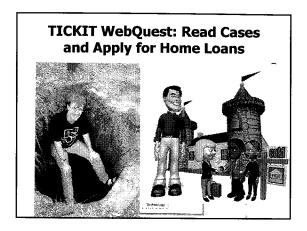
Many Professional Development Programs





Project type	Number of projects (132
Webquest	64
Electronic newsletters	1
Web editing & publishing	13
Online conferencing, collab, and discussion (includes email and phone)	10
Virtual tours	1
Computer apps (Excel, PP, Word, Internet)	38
Book review	2
Brochure construction	1 2
Electronic portfolio	2





† Effect Size
1.8:
.63
.80
1.20
1.22

TICKIT Teacher Voices

>"This class was very helpful. I gained a lot of confidence as a technology user from this class."

>"The door is now open. I will continue to try to find technological ways to teach them."

>"This was the best program I have ever been involved with as a teacher."

>"Thank you! A poor tired out "old broad" has a new lease on teaching"



Overall Lessons Learned (& Not Learned)

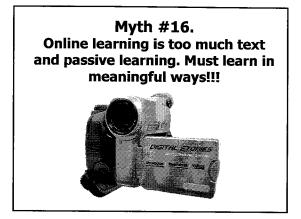
- Avoid Teachers Who Are Compelled By School Administrators Into Participating
- Teachers Need a Reasonable Tech Environment
- Teach Technology Use in the Teacher's Computing Environment, Not Ours
- A Local Leader is Important For the Cohort

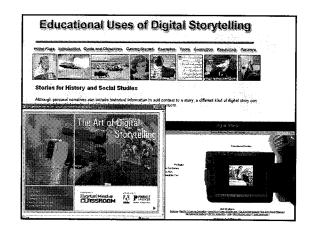


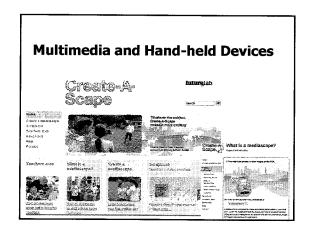
Myth #15. We can just wait it out—it will go away













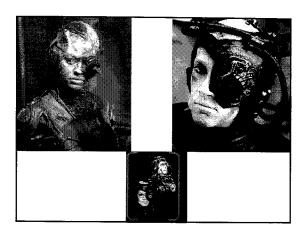
E-Portfolios

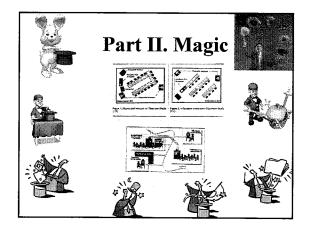


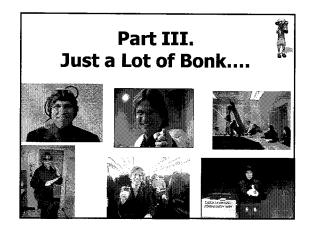
- Multimedia presentations (video, animation, voice-over testimonials)
- · Examples of work
- Personal statement
- Self-reflections on that work
- Connections between experiences
- · Standard biographical info
- i.e., progress, achievements, efforts...
- Large, complex, time to grade

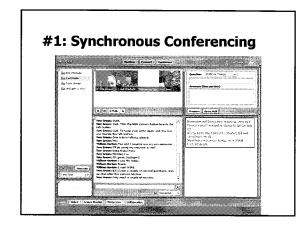
What can we say about emerging technology then???

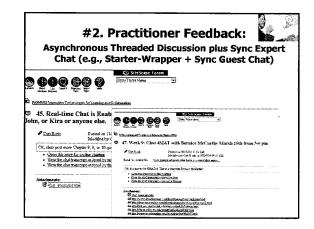
- It is everywhere!!!!!!!
- Resistance is futile!!!!!!

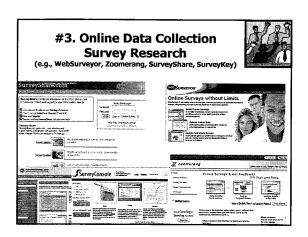


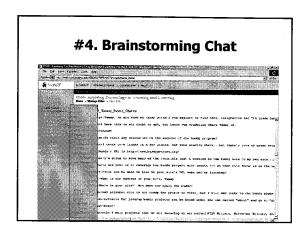


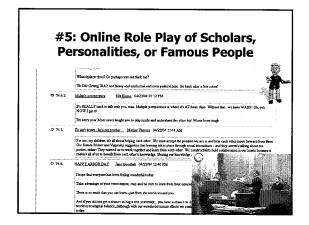


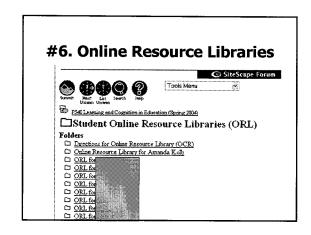


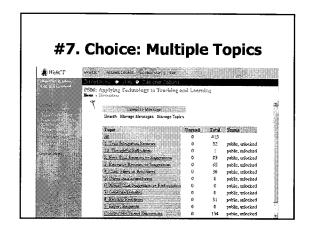


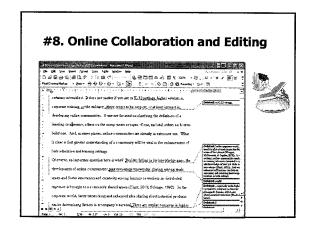










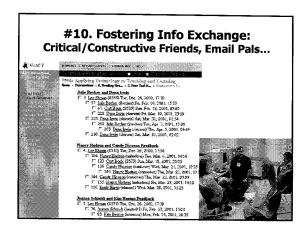


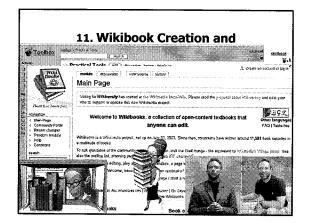


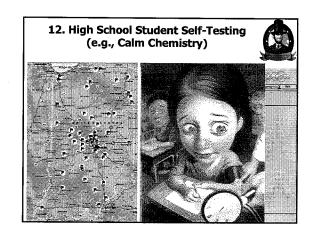
#9. Workplace and Field Reflections

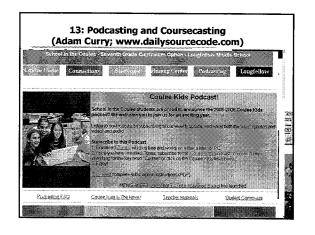
- Instructor provides reflection or prompt for job related or field observations
- 2. Reflect on job setting or observe in field
- 3. Record notes on Web and reflect on concepts from chapter
- 4. Respond to peers
- 5. Instructor summarizes posts

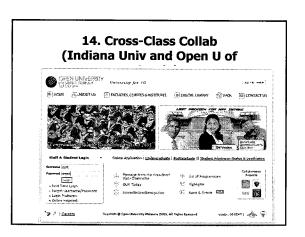


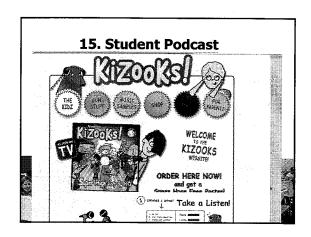


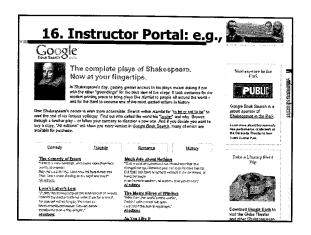


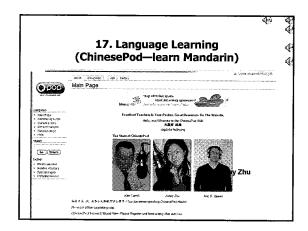


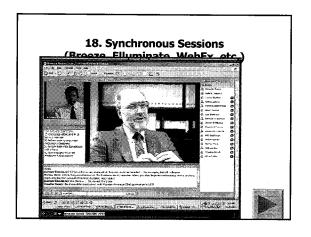


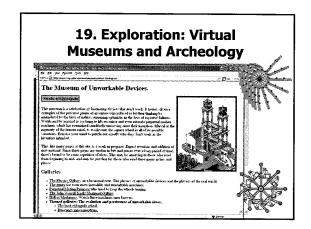


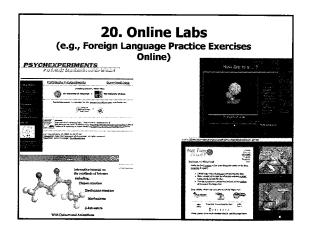


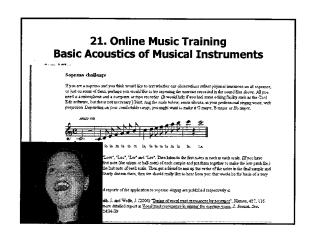


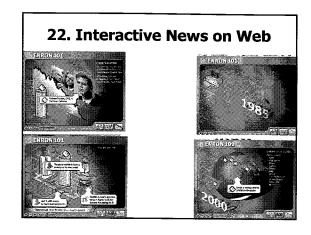


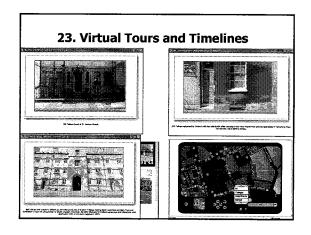


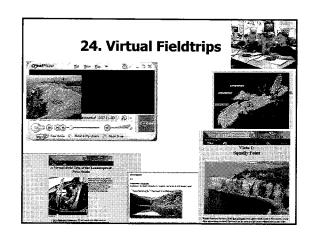


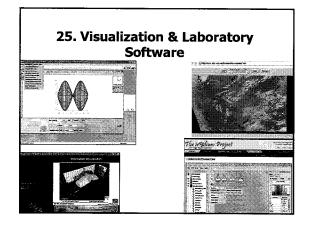












Poll: Do you think technology will change that way you teach?

a. Yes, definitely
b. Probably yes
c. Maybe
d. No
e. Do not yet know



