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2024 Spring Leadership Conference

ACTEM's 7th annual 2024 Spring Leadership Conference will be on May 6th at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, ME. The 2024 conference will provide topics for technology leadership and their staff as they continue to support technology in Maine Schools.

The 2024 theme will continue the focus on Cybersecurity in Education and also provide workshops with other timely topics for Tech leaders & their staff. The program is developing at press time and latest offerings are posted on ACTEM's website **HERE**.

We are fortunate to have secured not one but TWO keynote speakers for this conference. The program has been modified to include both a morning and lunch keynote. Here are the keynotes for ACTEM's 2024 Spring Leadership Conference.

Doug Levin is co-founder and national director of the K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX), a national non-profit dedicated solely to helping schools protect themselves from emerging cybersecurity threats. He also is the creator of the K-12 Cyber Incident Map, the most comprehensive database of publicly-disclosed cybersecurity incidents in K-12 education, which serves as the foundation for the 'State of K-12 Cybersecurity Year in Review' annual report series. He currently serves on the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Cybersecurity Advisory Board and the U.S. Department of Education K-12 Cybersecurity Government Coordinating Council (GCC).

Mr. Levin has been engaged in education and technology policy issues for over three decades – in a variety of roles. From 2009-15, he served as executive director of the State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA). Previously, Mr. Levin held positions with the American Institutes

Doug Levin,
K12 Six National Director

Karl Ackerman,
Distinguished Product Manager at Sophos

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Anyone who knows me understands my passion for professional development. I am very proud of the opportunities I have brought to Maine this school year with the help of other educational leaders in Maine. Recently, ACTEM co-sponsored the ElevAtIon Summit with METDA at South Portland High School. The ElevAtIon Summit brought together educators from around the state to discuss artificial intelligence use in schools. It was a world-class event, bringing together a great combination of local presenters and nationally recognized featured speakers from around the US. I'm also very excited about the Lunch and Learn sessions I've been able to coordinate with some of our vendor partners. We have two such events coming up in the near future.
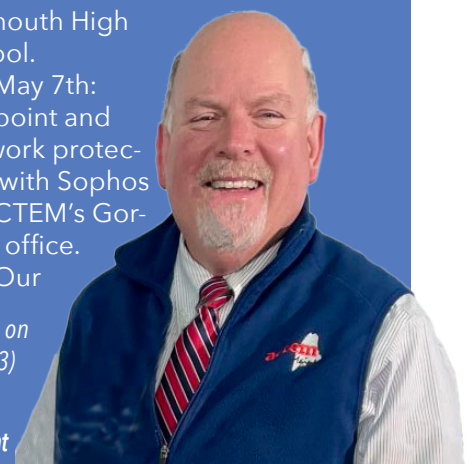
April 3rd: Asset management and ticketing with IncidentIQ at Yarmouth High School.

May 7th: Endpoint and network protection with Sophos at ACTEM's Gorham office.

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Mike Arsenault, Yarmouth School Dept., ACTEM President

SAVE THE DATE

ACTEM's 37th annual fall conference is scheduled to return to the Augusta Civic Center on Thursday, October 10th and Friday, October 11th - ahead of Indigenous People's Day weekend. We know these are PD days in many districts and encourage you to consider bringing a team of educators and administrators from your school!

Exclusive Extended Lunch & Learn Opportunities to Engage with Keynotes and Featured Speakers

Be on the lookout for opportunities to register as an individual or team for these exclusive workshops! Space is limited.

Discounts

We are excited to be able to bring back our program of supporting free one-day registrations for one-administrator from each district that is an institutional member.

If your district registers more than 10 adult attendees, we have discounts available. Email info@actem.org for more information.

College students are invited to attend, and we are happy to be able to support a discounted rate of $40 per day per college student attendee. Be on the lookout for registration to open in early-to-mid May 2024! Visit our website for more information!

Call for Proposals

The call for proposals for ACTEM's 37th annual fall conference is OPEN! We welcome teachers, administrators, integrators, coaches, vendors, and tech folks to submit conference session presentation proposals through Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

While we have yet to announce a theme, we are particularly interested in seeing themes of deeper learning and digital equity woven throughout the conference program. We hope to have a wide variety of presentations that serve multiple audiences and content areas. Some of the highlights from Fall 2023 included sessions on Responsible AI, Unleashing Student Potential, A few of my favorite things, 24 for 24, Teaching with Minecraft, Projects for the Planet, and Top 10 AI Tools for Creating Content, as well as sessions that supported the use of tools from Apple, LEGO, Merge, and Sphero. Additionally, last year's participants provided great input on what they would like to see next year: building a culture of innovation and exploration, more hands on learning, more collaborative sessions, virtual reality, free educational apps for students, sessions on family engagement, and workshops with administrator specific strategies. Participants also are excited to engage again with sessions from LEGO, Sphero, and MERGE - as well as ones focused on AI.

This year's conference will be held on Thursday, October 10th and Friday,

October 11th - right ahead of Indigenous People's Day Weekend. Similar to last year, we are planning to have an After Hours event on Thursday hosted by Carl Hooker at the Civic Center. With this, we encourage educators and tech directors to submit proposals for both Thursday and Friday, as we will be looking to offer a variety of sessions on both days this year!

Please submit your proposal here (or copy and paste this link into your browser: https://forms.gle/dh7rjEJvEmSQdPpT6)

Please reach out to conference co-chairs Amanda Nguyen and Alice Barr at: conference@actem.org with any questions.

Apply to Join the Fall Conference Committee

ACTEM is pleased to share that Alice Barr and Amanda Nguyen will return as the 2024 Fall Conference Co-Chairs. Both are excited to work with a committee of individuals dedicated to creating a high-quality learning experience for educators across Maine and beyond.

This year, ACTEM is asking that anyone who is interested in joining the Fall Conference Committee apply via this application no later than Friday, April 12th. There are roles that will participate in conference planning throughout the next several months, and there are other roles that will only serve as volunteers during the conference. Additional information can be found on the application itself.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Alice and Amanda at conference@actem.org.

Spring Leadership Conference

for Research, the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, and the National Association of State Boards of Education. He has been recognized as one of the most influential people in education technology and his research and views are routinely sought out by the media. He is a graduate of William & Mary and earned a master's degree in Sociology from The George Washington University.

Karl is currently employed at Sophos as a Distinguished Product Manager for endpoint protection. He has 15+ years in the cyber security space as a software developer, architect and product manager. Karl has a passion for security and a deep commitment to drive the criminal syndicates and nation state actors off our networks and out of our devices. Over the years Karl has collaborated with organizations from small businesses to national defense agencies, both to understand the threats these organizations face and to design and build the software used to defend them from adversaries. With an engineering background, Karl has patents ranging from cryptographic methods for authentication to attribute correlation for device detection
- Registered today at: https://www.actem.org/event-5565362
- Registration is only $80 for ACTEM Members and $100 for non-members.
- The registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and parking!

President's Message

event, the Spring Leadership Conference, is back on May 6th at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. This year, we'll be diving deep into the crucial topic of cybersecurity in schools. Prepare for a day packed with actionable tips, expert insights, and networking opportunities. I thought we could never outdo last year's event. However, I feel we've done it with a tremendous lineup of presenters from the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), Maine Department of Education, K12six.org, Maine School Safety Center, and several of our vendor partners. I'm very excited that we'll have two keynotes presented by Karl Ackerman from Sophos and Doug Levin from K12six.org. It will surely be a great day of learning and networking! I hope to see you there!

ElevAtIon Summit

We were very pleased to see the tremendous turnout for the elevAtIon Summit held on January 13, 2024, at South Portland High School on a day that brought much challenging weather and high tides to our State, we had a turnout of 133 people on this nasty weather day. This summit was co-sponsored by ACTEM and METDA. Both organizations felt a great need to offer PD on this important and timely topic for our members.

International speaker, Amanda Fox, co-author of The AI Classroom: The Ultimate Guide to Artificial Intelligence in Education was the morning keynote to set the stage for what turned out to be an exciting day of exploration and learning. Several other local and national featured speakers including Carl Hooker, Dr. Matthew Joseph, Kern Kelley and Jeni Long provided workshop sessions that involved participants in deeper learning about both the value and challenges of AI use in schools. The goal was to help attendees understand the AI in Ed landscape, and facilitate important discussions about how this pervasive technology will impact learning in their school setting.

All attendees were provided a copy of Amanda's book and were invited to an author-facilitated book study that was launched in February. The first book study session happened virtually on Feb. 8th. Three additional book study sessions will be occurring in the upcoming months.

SOME PARTICIPANT COMMENTS ABOUT THE ELEVATION SUMMIT FROM OUR SURVEY ARE INCLUDED BELOW:

"The breakout sessions and learning from colleagues was excellent. I appreciated every session I went to and left with new knowledge and considerations."

"The sessions were great, but the highlights were the play-spaces and the problems of practice at the end because it allowed for some more conversation and collaboration. I LOVED the summit format that allowed for all of
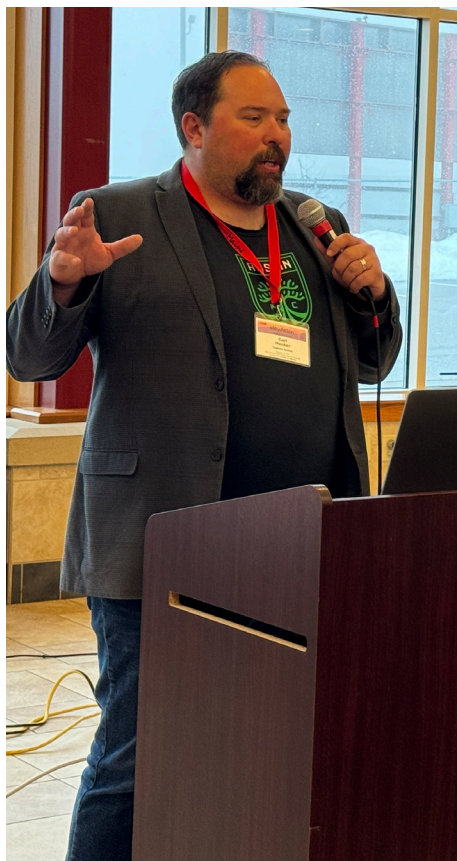
these pieces to work together. Easily one of the best "conferences" I've attended in a while!"

"I really enjoyed learning about all this fascinating technology. I enjoyed the format of having a keynote speaker, breakout sessions and an interactive ending. I was happy to have some choice in session selection and left with a thirst to learn more! I want to hear more about what teachers are doing in the classroom."

Many thanks to the summit organizers, Elizabeth Fowler, Andy Wallace and Michael Arsenault! And also, a huge thank you to our sponsors that helped to make this event possible: Maine DOE, Wyebot, Blue Spruce Technologies, Eduaide.ai and MagicSchool AI.

THE ACHIEVERY: *Free Lessons*

Over the past month, I've spoken at a variety of state conferences. Walk by any session, and I mean ANY session, with "AI" in the title, and you'll see that it's PACKED! From superintendents and principals to technology directors and classroom teachers, educators are seeking to understand, while asking so many good questions…

- *Should we provide access or lock and block?*
- *What boundaries should we set for student and staff use?*
- *What policies should we put in place?*
- *How can AI help me be more efficient in my work?*
- *What does cheating look like in the age of AI?*
- *How can we help students understand the implications of these tools?*

….and on, and on, and on. These are all great questions and I'm sure you're hearing them too. Regardless of where you fall on the "AI-belief continuum," we can all agree that the use of Artificial Intelligence will only continue to grow. It's also hard for anyone to argue that AI won't continue to become a daily part of the world of work for many, if not an important part of most jobs, in the years to come.

Combined with the fact that educators are always looking for new and different ways to remain relevant as the world changes, it's important to point to high-quality resources that educators can leverage to teach newer topics such as AI. With that, I want to share an incredible resource and point you to four free (no catch!) AI lessons your teams can use with students. Here's how you can quickly access them:

1. Visit **The Achievery**, an incredible free teaching tool funded by digital equity grants. (Feel free to share the embedded **FutureReady.link/achievery** link to access the platform.)
2. From there, take one minute to sign up for a free account. (There's no catch here and I wouldn't share it if it wasn't awesome. Promise!)
3. Once signed in, you'll have free access to over 500 highly engaging lessons for K-12 that use short, high-interest movie (think the Lego Movie!) and video clips to help teach particular topics (like AI), and then have ASCD-written lesson plans that teachers can utilize; completely at no cost. Really, there's no catch here!

Once signed in, you can easily search for AI-related, kid-friendly videos and lesson plans, like the following:

- What is AI?
- Artificial Intelligence
- Taking Action on Ethical AI
- Creative AI

Similar to how I'm guessing many of you are feeling, I'm continuing to research and test new AI tools to see how they can benefit my work. I'm proceeding with caution, yet see such incredible opportunities to help shift many teacher-centric practices into those that are more learner-centered by design.

4 Free Lessons to Teach Kids About AI

thomascmurray.com/4AIlessons

All for the kids we serve,
Thomas C. Murray

ISTELive 2024 Conference Denver, CO

ISTELive is one of the world's most comprehensive edtech events, attended by a global contingent of education leaders, teachers, coaches, librarians/media specialists and more. By attending ISTELive 24, you're not just going to a conference, you're venturing into the future of learning! With nearly 1,000 sessions presented by global experts, you'll get practical strategies you can implement in your school or district right away. And you'll connect with our global community of passionate educators who are excited to help you learn, grow and succeed year-round.

Early Bird pricing for ISTELive 24 is in effect from March 2nd – May 1st at $625 for members and $725 for non-members. The full ISTE Live program along with the featured speakers can be found at THIS LINK.

Are you an individual ACTEM member?

Members can apply for ACTEM's PD Reimbursement program to help supplement the cost of attending ISTE Live 24 in Denver. For information about ACTEM's PD Reimbursement Program go to the following link: https://www.actem.org/ACTEM-PD

Vita-Learn 4-State Consortia Update

Seesaw

Pricing for Seesaw for Schools in 2024-25 school year will be $6.00 per license. A new piece this year is Seesaw is requiring a minimum purchase of 100 licenses.

NEW - Seesaw Instruction & Insights will cost $7.45 per license. The Instruction & Insights version includes more administrative data dashboards and such.

NOTE: Any schools that purchased 3-years Seesaw through the DOE LMS grant back in 2021, please note that the 2023-24 school year is the last year of that subscription.

All the schools/districts that purchased the 3-year subscription will need to renew for the 2024-25 school year.

Kami

Kami pricing is $2.75/license for 2024-25. Regular pricing through Kami is $6.00 per license.

The Consortia is running a promo to allow new and renewing schools to lock in 2023-24 pricing ($2.65) if they order by March 31. That means you would need to submit a PO to ACTEM before that date as the consortia will be placing the order on March 31st.

WeVideo Interactive

WeVideo will no longer be available as a stand-alone product and is being replaced by WeVideo Interactive [Includes WeVideo & PlayPostit].

WeVideo Interactive will be $6.00 per license through the consortia for the 2024-25 school year.

Do you know a teacher or technology educator who deserves an Award?

Each year exceptional Maine educators are recognized by ACTEM through our ACHIEVE award. This ACHIEVE award includes cash prizes for both the individual winner/s and their schools!

ACHIEVE Award winners are professionals who effectively apply available technology now. They move forward utilizing current best practices and cutting-edge approaches. They see students as real people by activating student voice and choice in education. They teach through relationships, inspiring, encouraging and nurturing. These professionals also recognize that further change is necessary, but understand that it is a process for all stakeholders. They realize that teacher and student empowerment is the key element to technology integration. ACHIEVE Educators expect success and motivate through awareness and access to information.

Have you considered nominating a colleague? If not, you should! See the website for more information: http://actem.org/AchieveAward

MINECRAFT EDUCATION
Level Up Learning

Microsoft is pleased to announce the launch of Level Up Learning, an exciting digital event series brought to you in partnership with the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). Together we've designed this series to share actionable insights from leaders in the US accompanied by global perspectives as they tackle the evolving challenges in education.

Level Up Learning is not just an event series, it's also an opportunity to connect with like-minded K-12 system leaders, administrators, and educators to create communities of interest and share best practices that address challenges facing schools today.

Join us on this transformational journey as we delve into the integration of game-based learning across various domains and their impacts on student outcomes.

Leaders Unravel Challenges with Minecraft Education Series

1. DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND CYBER FLUENCY SKILLS:
In a digitally connected world, cultivating balanced, informed, inclusive, engaged, and alert digital citizens who are equipped with digital fluency skills is paramount. Learn how Miami Dade County Public Schools instills essential digital citizenship and cyber skills across their system, leading to job and career opportunities. -- February 6th, 12PM EST

2. COMPUTER SCIENCE AND AI:
Discover how Minecraft Education is transcending traditional boundaries to become a dynamic platform for teaching Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence. Hear from leaders at NYC Department of Education and Urban Arts on their approach to introducing computational thinking, coding, and AI for all students. -- February 29th, 12PM EST

3. STUDENT VOICE, AGENCY, AND AUTHENTIC LEARNING EXPERIENCES:
Hear from the Los Angeles Unified School District and Calgary Board of Education on their groundbreaking use of Minecraft Education to engage students in sustainable urban design and city planning, fostering cross-curricular connections and encouraging active citizenship in their communities. -- April 2nd, 12PM EST

4. CONNECTION, LEADERSHIP & TEAM-BASED EXPERIENCES THROUGH ESPORTS:
Discover insights from the New York City Department of Education leaders as they reflect on their annual Battle of the Boroughs, a district-wide Minecraft esports competition. Gain valuable perspectives on their innovative approach across a system of over 1 million students, shaping the future of scholastic esports in the city. -- April 30th, 12PM EST

5. STEM LITERACY FOR ALL STUDENTS:
Discover how Hillsborough County Public Schools is pioneering in STEM education, using Minecraft Education to integrate STEM across all curricula. Hear from leaders as they showcase their transformative approach, where every subject is an opportunity for hands-on STEM learning, building literacy and identity in STEM for all students. -- May 28th, 12PM EST

Meet Liz Davenport, a Maine educator and the go-to attendance person in the guidance office, managing a flood of emails and calls about student absences and late arrivals daily. Wanting to make Liz's workload more manageable ReachMyTeach developed our attendance management system with automated text and email notifications, gone are the days of time-consuming calls. 95% of texts are read within 3 minutes, notifying parents that their student is absent and eliciting a quick response to excuse the absence through text. Liz can now get all of the excused absences for the day without having to lift a finger.

ReachMyTeach's communication system offers two-way texting, district-wide alerts, and translation and interpretation into 130+ languages, making communication inclusive and straightforward. Experience the upgraded efficiency in attendance management with ReachMyTeach – where every message counts!

Explore Liz's success story and see how you can get started with ACTEM's reduced pricing and free trial today!

All the Best,

Helen Cohen
Pronouns: she/her
P: (207) 200-3194
Schedule a call with me!
www.reachmyteach.com
ReachMyTeach

Do you have experience with innovative technologies?

D o you have experience with innovative technology instruction (like robotics, 3D printing, or augmented and virtual reality hardware or software) in Maine school settings? Glenn Picher, as part of his studies for a master's degree in education at the University of Maine at Farmington, invites your participation in a research survey about the effects of these technologies on student engagement in Maine general education and special education settings. Please visit the survey page at https://tinyurl.com/inno-tech-engage or inquire further by emailing glenn.picher@maine.edu or texting or calling Glenn at 207-761-6535 .

ADOBE ACROBAT AI ASSISTANT

Adobe announced anim-portant notice about new generative AI features in Adobe Acrobat. Adobe introduced a Beta Version of these capabilities in Acrobat beginning on February 20th.

The AI Assistant feature uses AI technology to understand your questions and provide responses based on the content of your PDF file. The generative summary feature uses AI technology to provide an overview of the document's organization and content.

The roll out of the Beta Version of generative AI features to Adobe customers will happen in a phased manner, starting with customers who have the new Acrobat experience enabled. We expect to roll out to all eligible customers over the upcoming months.

To learn more about these capabilities and how they can be disabled, you can visit this link. Users may disable these features individually or your Admin may disable them for the entire organization.
Thank you, the Adobe Team

The modern classroom experience is powered by computers, tablets, TVs, projectors and interactive displays. Ditto gives ACTEM members the power to unlock the hidden potential of those devices to deliver a better learning experience.

GET STARTED WITH DITTO
Take advantage of special Ditto pricing for ACTEM members. Contact ACTEM Executive Director Gary Lanoie (glanoie@actem.org) to get started.

Wireless Screen Mirroring and Digital Signage with Ditto

WHAT'S DITTO?
Ditto brings classroom collaboration and digital signage together in a single solution. This software transforms existing displays into digital signs and wireless presentation hubs that can be managed by admins from anywhere using a web-based account portal. To see what Ditto has to offer, please check out this YouTube video - Wireless Screen Mirroring and Digital Signage with Ditto

Students, teachers and staff use Ditto to wirelessly share content from their devices to larger displays without worrying about cables, adapters or confusing connection requirements.

Teachers and admins use Ditto to transform idle screens into digital signs. Broadcast important messaging, reminders, updates, alerts and more.

SHARE WIRELESSLY
Ditto meets the unique needs of a classroom. Share an entire screen or just a specific application to hide sensitive content. Share a browser window with app-free screen sharing. Extended desktop mode is ideal for slideshows with presenter notes.

Mirror multiple devices to a single display for real time, side-by-side collaboration, or share content to multiple displays for easy viewing from anywhere in the room.

Ditto moderator controls help teachers manage collaboration sessions while annotations focus student attention on specific areas of shared content.

CAPTIVATE WITH SIGNAGE
Teachers and school admins create stunning digital signage using customizable templates, uploaded media or via our new Canva integration. Use scheduling controls to make sure signage appears on the right screens at the right time. Need to get a time-sensitive message to all of your spaces?

Use Ditto alerts to quickly send a message that appears on all of your displays. Ditto keeps students, teachers and staff aware and informed.

CREATED BY SQUIRRELS FOR EDUCATION
Ditto is developed by Squirrels, the creators of popular screen mirroring apps AirParrot and Reflector. Our focus on education is why schools and universities all over the country are choosing Ditto for their screens.
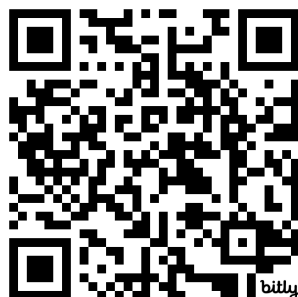
The Thomas Cup

MARCH 29-30, 2024 – THOMAS COLLEGE, WATERVILLE, ME

The Thomas Cup is a free event for Maine high schoolers in which teams of five students compete in science, technology, engineering, and innovation competitions for the chance to win their names on the Thomas Cup and receive scholarships to Thomas College worth up to $10,000 over four years. Competition areas include cyber defense, esports, computer science, and crime scene analysis.

All Maine high school students are welcome to participate, no matter your experience or skillsets. Thomas College professors, staff, and current students will help you succeed, learn, and have fun.

Compete for scholarship money as part of this unique and rewarding opportunity!

Information and the registration link can be found at

https://www.thomas.edu/upcoming-events/thomas-cup/

CS Summer of Fun

SAVE THE DATES
Hosted by MMSA & Educate Maine at UMaine, Orono.

FREE! CS SUMMER OF FUN! -- 07/29/24 - 08/02/24

Come for a week of in-person, professional learning focused on all things Computer Science. Hosted by MMSA and Educate Maine on the University of Maine, Orono campus.

- Open to all K-12 educators & administrators: Choose from the Code.org Intensive, CS Integration, or two-day School Administrators professional learning pathways. No CS experience required.
- FREE + $500 Stipend for Maine Educators: Receive a full scholarship that includes room and board at a hotel on or near campus.
- Maine State CS Leadership Summit: Gather on July 31 with other participants, educational leaders, policymakers, and business representatives to celebrate how Maine is working to make #CSforAll a reality.
- *Opportunities to Present: Share what you do best! We're looking for presenters for sessions in the CS Integration Pathway. We encourage presenters to also be participants. Get the details and apply using the link below.*

LIMITED SPOTS! LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW:
https://sites.google.com/mmsa.org/cs-summer-of-fun

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP
$20 ANNUALLY
- Quarterly newsletter
- Lunch at quarterly business meetings
- Discounted registration fees at the annual ACTEM conference and other sponsored PD
- Opportunity for Professional Development reimbursement up to $400
- Access to OverDrive eBook & Audio book PD library
- Educational discounts on software & other items (as permitted by vendor)
- Access to a member-only resource area on ACTEM's website (Recorded workshop videos)

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP
$50 ANNUALLY
($25 small, single school districts)
- Gives school and districts the opportunity to purchase software and other items at our low educational, volume pricing. Some of ACTEM's vendor partners also provide special benefits to our institutional members.
- Also provides one free fall conference registration to an approved district/school administrator for institutional members.

Renew your membership by sending a PO or check to the ACTEM office at P.O. Box 187, Gorham, ME 04038. Members may also renew online with a credit card or PayPal at http://www.actem.org/join.

2024 Programs from USM STEM Outreach

The University of Southern Maine STEM Outreach is running multiple programs in 2024 across the state of Maine. For information about any of these programs, please contact Kendra Hansen, Assistant Director of STEM Outreach and Services, USM College of Science, Technology, and Health. Email: kendra.hansen@maine.edu

ROBOT TRACK MEET ASSOCIATION - GRADES 3 THROUGH 8 - SPRING (APRIL/MAY)

We're entering our 20th year of Robot Track Meets! This is a fun spring-time robotics competition for grades 3 through 8. Teams build small LEGO Mindstorms or VEX robots to compete in a variety of challenges. Some of the challenges the teams can choose to compete in include building a fastest robot, a strongest robot, a slope climber, a walking robot, and several other fun events that require teams to be adept at coding/using sensors, and knowledgeable of engineering concepts.

We are running 3 regional meets on April 27th in Brewer, May 11th in Oakland and May 18th inSouth Portland. Registration is open for all meets, find out more at www.robottrackmeets.org

We are also holding info sessions/Q&A's throughout the month of March - contact kendra.hansen@maine.edu for more information.

STEM SUMMER CAMPS - AGES 9 THROUGH 17 - SUMMER (JUNE/JULY/AUGUST)

We're also entering our 25th year of STEM camps! STEM Outreach will be running academic day camps across the state. This year, we plan to be running camps in Portland, Gorham, Lewiston, Brunswick, Augusta, Yarmouth, Newcastle, Camden, Bangor, and Ellsworth.

We also have several different camp topics, including:
- LEGO Robotics - ages 9-12
- Programming in Minecraft - ages 10-14
- Astrophysics in Minecraft - ages 10-14
- 3D Printing & Design - ages 12-16
- Build Your Own Computer Camp - ages 12-16
- CubeSAT (satellite building) - ages 13-17

Find out more about these summer STEM learning opportunities on our website: usm.maine.edu/stem-outreach-services

MAINE STEM FILM CHALLENGE - GRADES K THROUGH COLLEGE
FALL (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER)

This is a fully remote STEM & Art (STEAM) opportunity. Students from across Maine design 3 to 10 minute long films about any STEM topic. Teams will storyboard, film, edit, and produce informative, documentary - style videos and compete against other Maine teams across 4 divisions: Elementary grades, Middle school grades, High school grades, and College.

Though dates have not been officially announced, the competition season runs in the fall of this year. Submissions are due by mid-November, and will be celebrated at the Maine STEM Film Festival in early December.

Our website will be updated with 2024 season information in late spring, but still has helpful information for new teams. Please find out more here: usm.maine.edu/stem-outreach-services/maine-stem-film-challenge/

actem *Maine* Annual Report 2022-23

**Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine**

Income Sources by Category

Income Category	Amount
Membership	$20,045
Conference	$127,322
Gross Sales	$797,094
Software Commissions	$12,605
Interest & Dividends	$2,857
Other Income	$28,208
Total Income	**$988,130**

FY 2022-23 Income Categories and Percentages

Conference 13.3%
Membership 2.1%
Interest & Dividends 0.3%
Software Commissions 1.3%
Gross Sales 83.0%
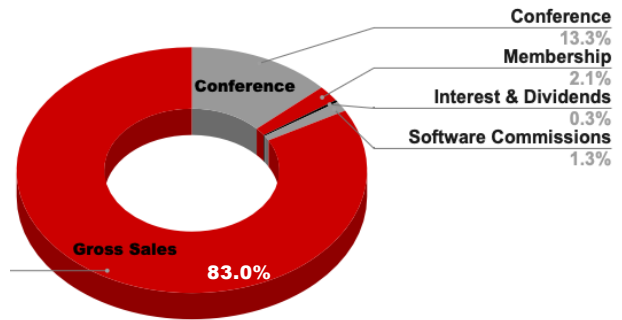
Expense Sources by Category

Expense Category	Amount
Awards	$3,413
Sponsorships	$1,500
PD Reimbursements	$15,130
PD Expenses	$48,943
Conference	$101,587
Office Expenses	$14,014
Newsletter	$2,400
Meeting/Travel	$3,407
Bank/Service Charges	$9,842
Dues & Subscriptions	$100
Insurance	$2,748
Professional Fees	$5,538
Payroll	$82,109
Taxes	$594
Web Services	$8,809
Other	$10,000
Total Expenses	**$310,824**

FY 2022-23 Expenses Categories and Percentages

Other Expenses 3.2%
Web Services 2.8%
Payroll 26.4%
Professional Fees 1.8%
Insurance 0.9%
Bank Servcie Charges 3.2%
Meeting/Travel 1.1%
Office 4.5%
Awards 1.1%
PD Reimbursement 4.9%
PD Expenses 15.7%
Conference 32.7%
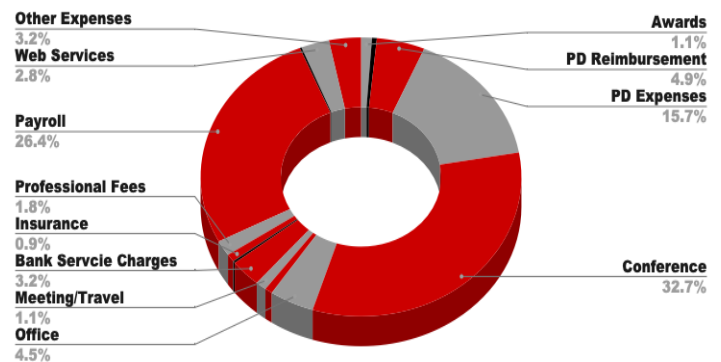
NOTE: The Expense Chart above excludes the **Cost of Goods Sold**.

ACTEM Sales 2022-23

Total Sales -----	Total Cost of Goods Sold -----	Total Profit From Sales -----
$797,094	**$666,644**	**$130,450**

Maine Community Foundation Funds

ACTEM's funds in the Maine Community Foundation (MCF) performed well with a gain recorded for FY 2022-23. This fund account is tied to the performance of the stock market which was better this past year.

Fund Balance - June 2022	$ 279,813.05
Realized/Unrealized Gains/Losses	$ 18,170.54
MCF Admin Fee	$ -4,778.54
MCF Interest	$ 1,348.11
Fund Balance - June 2023	**$ 294,553.16**

*Maine Community Foundation works with nonprofit organizations like ACTEM and provides professional investment management services.

Balance Sheet Assets - June 30, 2023

Key Bank Checking	$ 31,008.79
Key Bank Savings	$ 35,288.21
PayPal	$ 0
Maine Community Foundation	$ 294,553.16
Total Account Assets	**$ 360,850.16**

FY 2022-23 Financial Summary

Total Income	$ 988,130
Cost of Goods Sold [Expense]	$ - 666,644
Total Expenses	$ - 310,824
Total Realized/Unrealized Gains (MCF)	$ 18,171
FY 2022-23 Profit	**$ 28,833**

ACTEM's mission is to enhance and influence education in Maine through the use of technology.
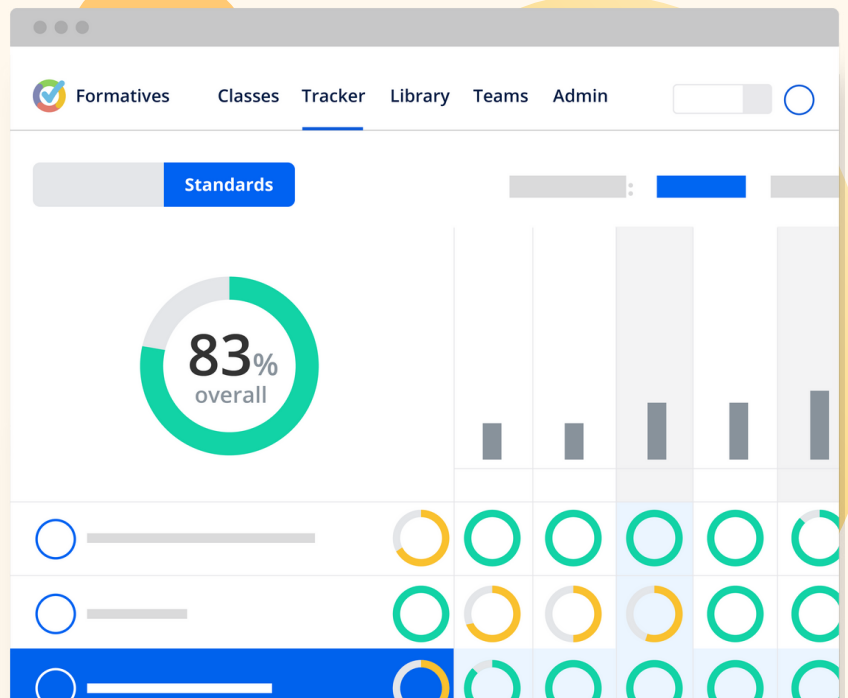
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MLTI Ambassadors on the Road

The mild winter weather has allowed the ten MLTI Ambassadors to be on the road, visiting schools, presenting to staff and meeting with administrators more than ever before. Since start of 2024, the team has connected in-person with over twenty-five school districts across nearly every county in the state. Whether they are supporting teachers with technology integration needs, providing training on AI in the classroom or working with the school community on digital citizenship, the Ambassadors are making connections. If your school is interested in working with the MLTI Ambassador team this spring or next school year, please reach out to the MLTI Ambassador Program Facilitator, Jonathan R. Werner, jonathan.werner@maine.gov.

MLTI Ambassadors Nicole Karod and Jeff Ireland stopping for a selfie with the iconic Penobscot Narrows Bridge while out working with a school

MLTI Brings Together More Than 5000 with the Maine Winter Classic

Following the continued interest in a Virtual Student Conference and responding to feedback about how the event could be improved, the Learning Through Technology team decided to launch a different type of student-focused experience for 2024. Shifting the event's date from May to March and leaning into the winter theme, the team created an event that is radically different from past virtual Student Conferences. The team developed a classic-style board game themed around Maine, but gave it a technological twist through the platform TableTopia. In the game, teams of students move around the state, learning about different places, completing various tech challenges and participating in some "unplugged" activities as well. The Maine Winter Classic brought together students from Kittery to Fort Kent, from Rangeley to Lubec in a way that the Maine Learning Technology Initiative has always strived to achieve.

LTI Device Program Expands
More Choices and More Opportunities

The Learning Through Technology Team was excited to announce an expansion to access for schools in Maine including the acquisition of 1:1 and supplemental technology, provision of high-quality professional learning resources, broadening participation in student leadership, and enhancing local management efforts through support grounded in continuous improvement. The next cycle of MLTI devices is opening the opportunity for schools to now include a grade of their choosing from grades 1 through 12. This expansion will bring more than twenty-five new schools into the MLTI program. The slide deck from the info session is available **here**.

Round Two of #TeachWithTech Innovative Grants

The second round of #TeachWithTech Grants opened up in February. This grant is available to all MLTI school districts to provide supplemental technology and related professional learning to support innovative teaching and learning with technology. This program aims to provide funding opportunities to educators who want to bring technology into their schools in ways that are innovative, impactful, and intriguing. For more information, please read **this media release** or contact the Learning Through Technology team at **doe-ltt@maine.gov.**

Students at Cony Middle and High School have been able to experience VR and AR through technology purchase through the #TeachWithTech grant

MLTI Student Conference Returns
To UMaine on May 23rd

The 21st Annual MLTI Student Conference will be back at the University of Maine in Orono this year and looks forward to hosting over a thousand students and educators at Camp MLTI! Registration for this year's camping themed event is still open and more information about the event can be found here.

MLTI SLAM Continues to Grow in 2024

Since its beginning in 2021, SLAM (Student Leadership Ambassadors of Maine) has found new and creative ways to expand its reach. The weekly SLAM Show, broadcast out of Nokomis Regional High School, now has over seventy episodes available on the **MLTI YouTube channel**. This growing archive provides demonstrations of how to use a wide variety of free and accessible educational technology tools that can be utilized by teachers and students alike. The monthly SLAM Showcase events, held in-person at schools around the state, have continued with the sixth event being held at Frank Brown Elementary School in South Portland and the seventh being held at Chelsea Elementary School. For 2024, the MLTI Ambassadors worked with SLAM to virtually connect satellite schools into the SLAM Showcases. Lillian Parks Hussey School in Augusta hosted, while students from Woodland Elementary School in Baileyville joined in. Last month, Spruce Mountain Middle School in Jay hosted the SLAM Showcase and students from over 200 miles away at Pembroke Elementary School were able to connect in remotely. This coordinated effort has allowed two schools from Washington county to engage with SLAM and in March, the SLAMmers will head Downeast with Princeton Elementary School hosting the tenth SLAM Showcase. Then final SLAM of the 23-24 school year will take them all the way to the Crown of Maine to Van Buren. In a recent interview with Commissioner Pender Makin on the **What Hold Us Together** podcast, SLAM's Coordinator Kern Kelley said, "[kids] get so excited about learning from high school students about these cool tech topics and that usually is enough impetus that we can talk with the teachers afterward." Schools, teachers, and schools continue to engage with SLAM and the program continues to expand its reach across the state. If you want to learn more about SLAM, check out our **new webpage**.

Students from Pembroke Elementary School participating in a SLAM Showcase event being held at Spruce Mountain Middle School

Maine K12 Cyber Storm:

The Department of Education recently launched the first of its kind, K12 Cyber Storm a statewide cyber "fire drill" for education. CISA, METDA, and the Maine DOE have partnered to host three virtual sessions, culminating in a tabletop exercise where participants will respond to a cyber incident in late March.

Registrations are at 111 people, many school systems are participating as teams with Business Managers and Facility Directors, Principals, and Superintendents. This is a testament to the commitment of our IT directors to bolster network infrastructure.   Both rural and city school systems are participating, all at various levels of self-assessed cyber posture.   School systems can still register **HERE**.
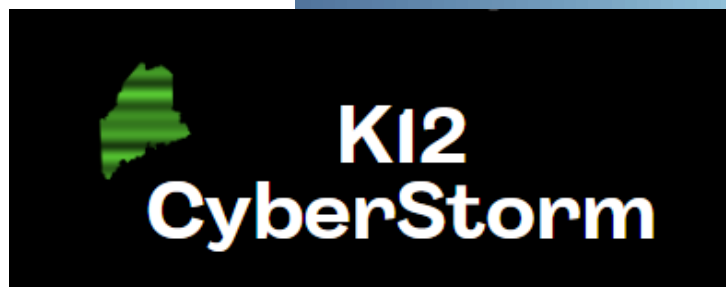
Maine DOE Awards $1.5 Million in Cyber Performance Grants
to 61 School Units

Augusta, ME—The Maine Department of Education's (DOE) Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) awarded a total of $1.5 million in Cyber Performance Grants to 61 Maine school administrative units (SAUs). These grants fund SAU projects to upgrade end-of-service infrastructure, strengthen managed detection and response for network security, firewalls, and cloud backup services, and to provide professional learning.

The grants were in response to the federal Cybersecurity Act and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) report on K12 education Protecting Our Future, which provides schools with recommendations. Read the full article **HERE**.
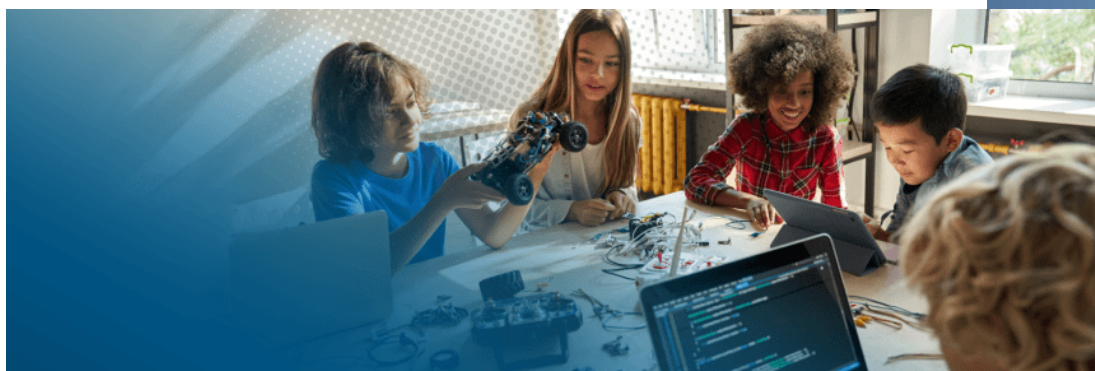
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Seeking New Ambassadors for 2024-2026

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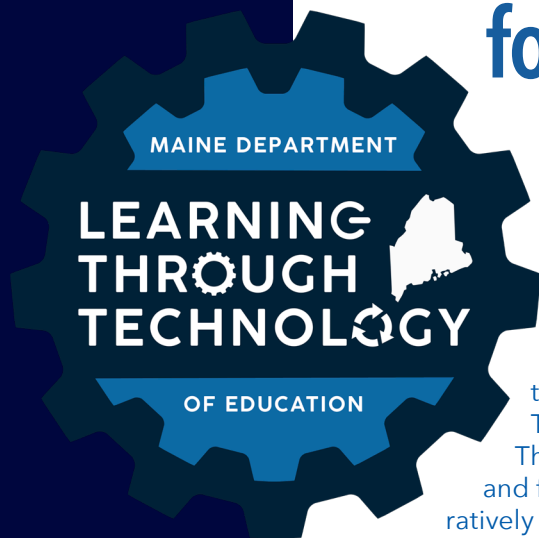
Are you passionate about professional growth and technology? Do you want to make a difference in Maine schools? Do you want to join a team of likeminded educators? Are you currently teaching in a Maine public school? This might be the opportunity you've been looking for!

The Maine Department of Education is hiring five distinguished educators, known as "MLTI Ambassadors," to join our team in supporting MLTI professional learning. These are full-time, two-year, contracted, remote positions. The MLTI Ambassador team comprises of both second-year and first-year distinguished educators. They work both collaboratively and individually to provide professional learning offerings and work with MLTI schools and educators to implement the MLTI program. The next group will be the fourth since the program launched in 2021.

Ideal candidates will be excited about innovative technology practices in education, eager to work with other teachers, have outstanding communication skills, and experience with elementary, middle, and/or high school pedagogy.

Distinguished educator positions are set up as an exchange agreement between the Department of Education and your local school district. Through the agreement, the Department pays your local school for the duration of your contract as a distinguished educator, allowing your school to temporarily fill your vacant position and continue to pay you your current rate while you work as a distinguished educator. Once the two-year contract is complete, you will be able to return to your position within that district.

• *To learn more about the MLTI distinguished educator position,* click here *to access the full job description.*
• *If you're interested in applying to be an MLTI 2.0 distinguished educator,* click here to access the application form.
• *If you have questions about the position or the exchange process,* check out the FAQ.

Still have questions? You can contact MLTI Ambassador Program Facilitator, Jonathan R. Werner at jonathan.werner@ maine.gov, Digital Learning Specialist Jonathan Graham at jonathan.m.graham@maine.gov or Learning Through Technology Team Coordinator Emma-Marie Banks at emma-marie.banks@maine.gov.

TEaCHing the MLTI podcast

20+ episodes
25+ guests
2K+ listens

The "Teaching with Tech: The MLTI Podcast" has a our 20+ episodes on topics such as AI, Digital Cit educators from around the state. Check it out he

Solar Eclipse Resources for Educators

On April 8th, a scientific phenomenon that hasn't occurred since 1963 will darken the skies. A total solar eclipse will pass over central and northern Maine! To support educators across the state, the Maine Department of Education (DOE) has created a website with solar eclipse resources for the classroom. Don't be left in the dark; check out these engaging Maine DOE resources for this exciting celestial event. Click **here**.

For more information or support, please get in touch with Erik Wade at erik.wade@maine.gov or Nicole Karod at Nicole.karod@maine.gov.

Solar Eclipse 2024 Resources

Maine Department of Education

new mobile-friendly site available with a full archive of tizenship and Computational Thinking and interviews with re.

About actem

ACTEM is a non-profit 501(c)3 educational association with the mission to enhance and influence education in Maine through the use of technology. ACTEM is the Maine affiliate of the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) and connects with more than 70 other affiliates to share best practices, increase service to members, and strengthen impact in local education communities.

ACTEM 2023-24 Dates to remember

ACTEM 2023-24 Business Meetings
ACTEM quarterly business meetings are held from 9:30 AM to Noon & are held via Zoom with regional host locations around the State.
March 14, 2024
May 9, 2024

Spring Leadership Conference
May 6th, 2024
Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME

ACTEM 2024 Fall Conference
Oct. 10-11, 2024
Augusta Civic Center
Augusta, ME

Funds Available for Professional Development
THROUGH THE PD REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

One of the benefits of being an ACTEM individual member, is the ability to access funds through our Professional Development Reimburse ment program. In accordance with ACTEM's mission to enhance and influence education in Maine though the use of technology, individual ACTEM members, who have held membership for at least 180 days, are invited to apply for assistance in the form of reimbursement on qualifying technology professional development opportunities.

WHAT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES QUALIFY?
The training may be in the form of a conference, workshop, a one or more days seminar, university course, online course or combination thereof. ACTEM will reimburse individuals for course and registration fees associated with the professional development activity. Course materials, lab fees, travel, hotel, meals and other similar costs will not be reimbursed. Reimbursement is limited to one approved activity per ACTEM membership year. The intent of the PD reimbursement program is to pay for activities that your district is not able to support.
PLEASE NOTE: Any ACTEM sponsored professional development is not eligible for PD reimbursement (ACTEM conferences or ACTEM sponsored workshops).

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO ME?
• Maine Educators with current INDIVIDUAL ACTEM memberships are invited to apply for up to $400 per year for professional development reimbursement.
• Your membership must be CURRENT when submitting your application.
• New ACTEM members must hold an individual membership for at least 180-days prior to the start of the professional development activity to be eligible for the reimbursement benefit.
• *PLEASE NOTE*: ACTEM PD Funds are not available to the new First Year Educator Membership Level

HOW DO I APPLY?

• Complete an online application at this link BEFORE your PD activity begins: http://www.actem.org/On-line-PD-Application-Form
• Your application must be received and approved prior to the start date of the professional-development activity.
• You will need to pay for you PD activity upfront with personal funds. ACTEM does not reimburse districts through this program.
• Complete your PD activity.
• Submit proof of completion and personal payment to Dennis Kunces, ACTEM PD Administrator at dennis.kunces@gmail.com
• Reimbursement payments are generally processed within a few days after submitting your completion and payment documents.

PLEASE NOTE: The ACTEM PD Reimbursement Program Rules permit reimbursement only to individual members and not to school districts

OVERDRIVE MOVING TO SORA

verDrive has retiried the legacy Over-Drive app and encouraging everyone to use Sora as the primary app to enjoy your digital collection.

- The OverDrive app will be removed from the Apple App Store, Google Play, and the Microsoft store. Download links for the legacy OverDrive desktop app for Windows and Mac will be removed from **overdrive.com/apps.**
- New users looking for the OverDrive app will be directed to Sora.
- Users who previously installed the OverDrive app will still be able to use it without disruption.
- All users can continue to use, borrow, and open titles from your school's **lib.overdrive.com** OverDrive website via a browser until we begin further migration to Sora.
- OverDrive's goal is to move everyone over to Sora by the end of 2022. Please visit the **Resource Center** for helpful materials, including Sora promotional kits, staff training resources, classroom activities, self-paced learning modules, and more. We encourage you to start using these materials now in preparation for this update.

OverDrive is committed to supporting a smooth transition for you and your students and will send updates on the plans and timing for the **eventual retirement of the OverDrive app.**

NEW First-Year Educators Membership Level

At the recent annual summer board retreat, a new ACTEM membership level was discussed and created for first-year educators (teachers & administrators). The new First Year Educator level will be offered at no cost and will include all of the standard individual member benefits except for the opportunity to apply for Professional Development reimbursement.

The ACTEM board hopes that by offering this one-year FREE membership for our new educators, we will be encouraging them to…

- Attend our conference (at discounted member rate)
- Take advantage of the other ACTEM individual member benefits
- See the benefits of belonging to a professional organization
- Hopefully continue with this membership in future years.

THE FIRST YEAR EDUCATOR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES THESE BENEFITS:

- ACTEM's quarterly newsletter - The Connected Educator
- Lunch at the quarterly business meeting regional sites
- Discounted registration fee on the ACTEM fall conference
- Access to ACTEM's **OverDrive eBook and audio book PD library**
- Discounts on software & other items available through our purchasing consortium (as permitted by the vendor).

Check out the **What is ACTEM** brochure that explains more about ACTEM along with details of benefits for the different member levels. Educators can join ACTEM by completing an online membership application at this **link**. Please forward this information along to the first-year educator in your d istrict

BIG DEAL MEDIA
Trusted Resources for Educators

2024 is a time for new beginnings! The K–12 Technology newsletter team is excited to announce that in the new year it's going to help you and your members declutter your inboxes and improve your access to high-quality resources and professional learning opportunities.

JUST IN TIME AND JUST RIGHT RESOURCES

Starting in January 2024, you will no longer receive the biweekly newsletter in your inbox. But you and your members can search for exactly the types of resources you need, right when you need them on our website.

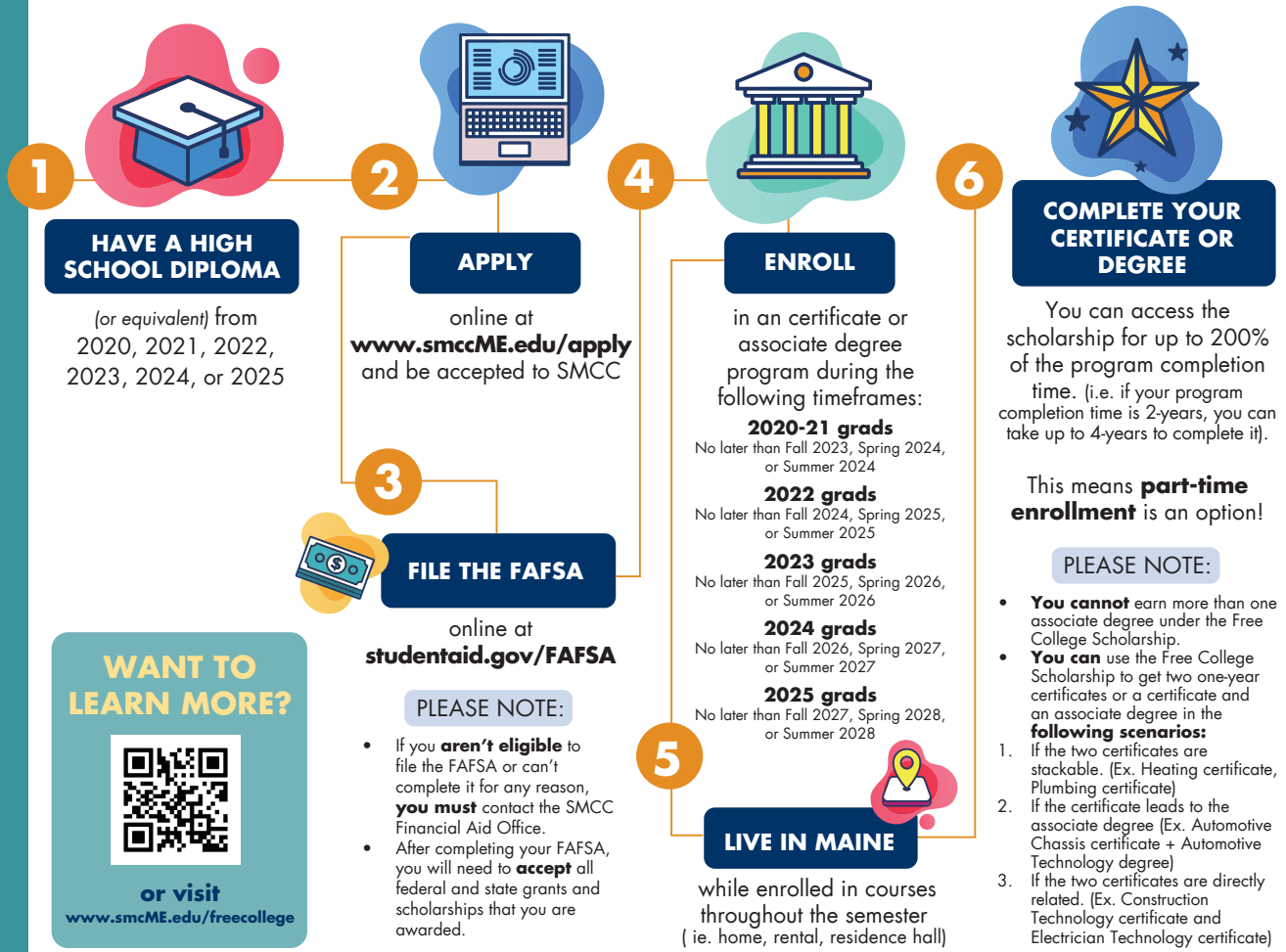**THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO SEARCH:**

- You can select a topic from the Focus Areas showcased in the right column of the site, or
- Search by keyword or phrase using the search bar at the top of the site.

Whatever way you search, your members will find resources and funding opportunities to support teaching and learning in 2024.

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3 **FILE THE FAFSA**

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PLEASE NOTE:

- If you **aren't eligible** to file the FAFSA or can't complete it for any reason, **you must** contact the SMCC Financial Aid Office.
- After completing your FAFSA, you will need to **accept** all federal and state grants and scholarships that you are awarded.

4 **ENROLL**

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2020-21 grads
No later than Fall 2023, Spring 2024, or Summer 2024

2022 grads
No later than Fall 2024, Spring 2025, or Summer 2025

2023 grads
No later than Fall 2025, Spring 2026, or Summer 2026

2024 grads
No later than Fall 2026, Spring 2027, or Summer 2027

2025 grads
No later than Fall 2027, Spring 2028, or Summer 2028

5 **LIVE IN MAINE**

while enrolled in courses throughout the semester (ie. home, rental, residence hall)

6 **COMPLETE YOUR CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE**

You can access the scholarship for up to 200% of the program completion time. (i.e. if your program completion time is 2-years, you can take up to 4-years to complete it).

This means **part-time enrollment** is an option!

PLEASE NOTE:

- **You cannot** earn more than one associate degree under the Free College Scholarship.
- **You can** use the Free College Scholarship to get two one-year certificates or a certificate and an associate degree in the **following scenarios:**
  1. If the two certificates are stackable. (Ex. Heating certificate, Plumbing certificate)
  2. If the certificate leads to the associate degree (Ex. Automotive Chassis certificate + Automotive Technology degree)
  3. If the two certificates are directly related. (Ex. Construction Technology certificate and Electrician Technology certificate)

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ACTEM Purchasing Consortium offers significant price savings on popular software titles from Adobe, Microsoft, Sophos, and many other vendors.

ACTEM works to partner with vendors that can offer better pricing for Maine schools and also offer something in return to assist with our mission.

Microsoft | ACTEM has agreements with Microsoft for Select Plus (perpetual) and Microsoft EES - Enrollment for Educational Solutions (subscription) licensing.

Select Plus Districts register under ACTEM's agreement then can purchase software at educational volume license pricing.

Enrollment for Educational Solutions (EES) is a subscription licensing based on a people count (FTEs) in a school district. ACTEM offers pricing at the 3,000 FTE level for all schools.

Adobe | ACTEM offers Maine schools & staff subscription licensing for Adobe Creative Cloud. This licensing through Adobe's Value Incentive Plan (VIP) offers either **single app, all apps and site licensing options.** All ACTEM Creative Cloud subscriptions have an annual renewal date of Aug. 9th each year. Licensing purchased partway through the renewal period will be pro-rated in cost and will be up for renewal in August at the annual pricing.

Sophos | Security software and hardware, providing endpoint, encryption, email, web, mobile and network security as well as Unified Threat Management products.

Seesaw | ACTEM is pleased to announce that it has partnered with Vermont & New Hampshire again in 2022-23 for the Seesaw Licensing Consortia. The consortia will enable us to increase the total number of licenses purchased so we can save money for all schools/districts.

Seesaw for Schools is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what's happening in the classroom. It includes learning journals, portfolios tools, parent communication tools, and more.

Filemaker | Filemaker Pro is an easy-to-use cross-platform relational database software application.

Deep Freeze | Software that preserves your computer configuration. Any changes - either malicious or unintentional - are reversed on reboot.

Kami - World's #1 digital classroom tool for creating flexible and collaborative learning environments. With Kami, you can empower your students and transform the way you teach, feedback, and assess. Kami licensing is offered through our 3-sate consortia. Contact the ACTEM office for a quote for Kami licensing.

Lanschool | Classroom management software that is used by schools to monitor students' activity in a digital classroom.

Parallels | Software for Mac that allows you to run both Windows and MacOS applications side-by-side without rebooting.

Rosetta Stone | an online subscription platform to learn a foreign language. ACTEM consolidates a group purchase to allow better pricing for all Maine schools.

Kajeet | Purchase via ACTEM and receive 5% off the Kajeet Education Broadband solution (includes hardware, wireless services, filters, and management portal.)

ortium *for Maine Schools*

Vendor Partner Offerings

These vendors have a partnership with ACTEM and offer their products or services at discounts for Maine schools. Please contact vendors directly when ordering.

BrainPOP | ACTEM member schools and districts can subscribe to BrainPOP and save up to 20%.

CDW-G | CDW-G offers discount pricing and FREE shipping on orders to ACTEM Institutional members.

ClassLink | ClassLink provides single sign-on to web and Windows apps, and instant access to files at school and in the cloud. ClassLink is an ACTEM partner and offers a discount for Maine districts.

Connection | Connection is partnered with ACTEM to extend discounted pricing on technology products. Connection has a special purchasing portal for ACTEM institutional members. Portal link: www.govconnection.com/actem

Edspire eHallPass | e-hallpass is a unique digital hall pass management tool for schools, designed to enhance control, security and oversight via electronic hall passes. 10% discount for ACTEM members.

Edspire Flextime Manager | Flextime Manager allows teachers to create, and students to register for, school activity periods. 10% discount for ACTEM members.

Eduporium | Our partnership with Eduporium offers members extra discounts on all their products. An online portal provides a link to the many educational tools, customized tech bundles and activities for students. Portal link: https:www.eduporium.com/actem

Explore Learning | All Maine schools receive a 10% discount on all Gizmos, Reflex and Science4Us

orders. Contact Brandon Nash at 866-882-4141 x357 or email brandon.nash@explorelearning.com

Impero | Impero is a cross-platform software solution, combining features into one tool for a school's network management, classroom management and online safety needs.

Lightspeed Technologies | Districts with ACTEM Institutional memberships are eligible for discounts of 22% off Lightspeed brand classroom audio technology.

Neverware | With Cloudready, you can get the speed, simplicity, and security of Chromebooks on nearly any PC or Mac, up to 13 years old. Contact Sean Terry at sterry@neverware.com or 646-880-3597 to get started.

Newslea | ACTEM member schools and districts can subscribe and save between 5-25% on Newslea PRO, Powerwords, and Collections!

Vocabulary Spelling City | A game-based website and app that can supplement your core literacy curriculum, saves time streamlining data and improves student performance.

Wyebot | Wyebot is the leader in WiFi automation. It's vendor agnostic Wireless Intelligence Platform provides visibility and analyzes the WiFi network using patented AI-based engine and market-leading multi radio sensor, automatically providing problem and solution identification resulting in up to 90% reduction in mean-time to problem resolution.power adapters for MLTI MacBooks.

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March 8, 2024 METAA CTO Clinic - DoubleTree | Milford, MA

March 22–25, 2024 ASCD Annual Conference 2024, Washington DC

March 25, 2024 FREE WORKSHOP - AI and Ethics for Educators, Panel Series by Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance

March 29-30, 2024 Thomas College 9th Annual Thomas Cup, Thomas College | Waterville, ME

April 8-10, 2024 CoSN Annual Conference, Miami, FL

May 6, 2024 ACTEM Spring Leadership Conference, Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME

May 16-17, 2024, Dynamic Landscapes Conference, Champlain College - Burlington, VT

May 23, 2024 MLTI In-Person Conference University of Maine | Orono

May 31 - June 1, 2024, MassCUE Spring Conference, Polar Park - Worcester, MA

June 23-26, 2024 ISTELive 24, Denver, CO

July 29-August 2, 2024, CS Summer of Fun, UMaine | Orono

Oct. 10-11, 2024, ACTEM 2024 Fall Conference, Augusta Civic Center | Augusta, ME

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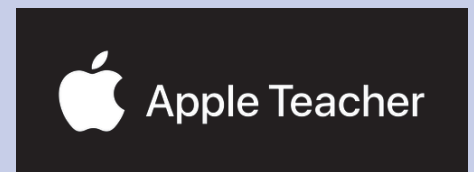
June 28-July 1, 2026 ISTELive 26 Orlando | Florida

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