

Gateway Project District Summer Institute Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the Gateway Project?

The National Center for Technological Literacy® (NCTL®) established **The Gateway Project** in 2005 to assist school districts in implementing rigorous and engaging Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs and more specifically, standards-based technology and engineering curricula, assessments, projects, and activities. This strategic initiative provides educators with the tools, resources, and support to develop a plan of action that will help guide systemic change.

What is the Gateway District Summer Institute?

The "Opening the Gateway to Technology and Engineering" Summer Institute is a comprehensive three-day program demonstrating tools and related activities that focus on implementing the standards articulated within the Massachusetts Science and Technology/Engineering Curriculum Framework. District teams of educators and administrators are introduced to curricula and resources to develop a strategic plan of action for their district.

In addition to the summer institute, districts also attend two (2) full-day **Progress Sessions** during the school year, receive **technical support, website access, school site visits**, and invitations to the annual **Gateway Symposium** and **Museum of Science Educator Appreciation Days**. Gateway Institute membership also includes access to a statewide community of educators, working together to support technological literacy for all students.

Who should attend the 2011 Gateway District Summer Institute?

Ideally, superintendents/directors identify a team (three to five people inclusive of K-12 educators and administrators) representing at least two grade spans (e.g., elementary to middle, middle to high school) to participate. **PLEASE NOTE: All team members must attend all three (3) full-day sessions.**

What will our team need to bring to the Gateway District Summer Institute?

Prior to the institute, each district team will be asked to email a PowerPoint slide presentation (about six to eight slides) of their district's current efforts to meet the Massachusetts technology/engineering standards. Each district team should also bring a laptop to create their district's action plan.

What is the cancellation policy?

Cancelling a Gateway District Summer Session must be done by phone or email three (3) weeks before the scheduled session. Refunds will be issued, minus a 10% administrative fee, based on the cancellation policy deadline.

Are substitutes permissible?

Although we encourage participants to attend all three sessions, if a team member needs to cancel, we request the selection of an appropriate alternate to attend in that team member's place. Please notify us as soon as possible of any changes to your team.

Whom should we contact with questions?

For questions or more information, contact Colleen Cacchiotti at 617-589-3124 or email gateway@mos.org. On behalf of the NCTL, we look forward to your participation in this exciting project.

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