

EDGE Pre-Workshop Survey

First Name

Last Name

Earth Systems Science

I observe scientific principles in my daily life.

Current status/comfort

Relative Importance

I formulate scientific questions based on my observations of events in the world.

I understand the meaning of a systems approach to earth science.

I gather relevant information to validate or invalidate possible explanations for events.

I critically review information to draw conclusions about my possible explanations.

I analyze scientific data to test hypotheses.

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Teachers

I am able to demonstrate introductory knowledge, skills, and understanding of concepts related to technology.

I use technology to communicate and collaborate with parents and peers.

I continue to grow in my knowledge of technology and try to stay abreast of current and emerging technologies.

I use technology to engage in ongoing professional development and lifelong learning.

I feel comfortable if students demonstrate more technological skill than I do.

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Curriculum, Learning and Assessment

I am able to use technology to address the diverse learning needs of my students.

A variety of resources beyond the textbook are incorporated into learning activities.

Projects and activities in my classroom allow students to demonstrate their understanding in authentic ways.

I plan and implement learning environments and experiences that allow my students to be self-directed learners.

There are several opportunities for student assessment and reflection throughout any unit of learning.

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Availability and Accessibility of Resources

I have access to sufficient hardware and software to support quality use and integration in the classroom.

A wide variety of technology resources (scanners, printers, cameras, calculators, probes, etc.) are available in our school.

I have current and up-to-date hardware and software in my classroom.

Connectivity to the internet is at a speed that is acceptable for using with students during learning activities.

I have adequate technical support and assistance and am satisfied with the ongoing maintenance and operation of technology.

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Community

Learning projects in my classroom often include an audience or resources outside the classroom.

I try to incorporate and build upon local cultural values and beliefs when I design learning activities.

I utilize the community resources and expertise to enhance student learning opportunities.

I utilize the local community as an extension of the classroom learning environment.

My students have an awareness of technology's impact on individuals and society.

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GIS/GPS Knowledge and Use

I am familiar with GIS and how it works.

I am able to use GIS in the classroom to engage students in meaningful tasks and promote critical thinking.

I am familiar with how to operate a handheld GPS unit, and can enter and retrieve data using a GPS.

I am able to create maps using GIS software.

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