

Overview

Project Tomorrow, the national education nonprofit group, is seeking participation from teachers in **fifty schools** across the nation to take part in Project TestDrive with the National Science Digital Library. The National Science Digital Library (NSDL), funded by the National Science Foundation, is a free, online library for science, technology, engineering and math resources (STEM) with links to 1 million resources from over 500 unique collections.

The K-12 education resources in NSDL include lesson plans, digital images, video, audio, animations, software, databases, and journal articles. Through *Project TestDrive*, K-12 educators will be able to implement the resources in their classroom, evaluate their effectiveness and provide valuable feedback to the National Science Digital Library. **This is a fabulous opportunity for K-12 educators to share their insights about the classroom effectiveness of NSDL online resources.**

Program Description

K-12 educators and students will "TestDrive" and evaluate classroom resources from the National Science Digital Library.

During the 2007-08 school year, participants will:

- Learn about the resources available through the National Science Digital Library.
- Participate in structured "TestDrives" of resources aligned to specific grades.
- Provide feedback via online surveys about the classroom effectiveness of the resource.
- Solicit student feedback regarding the resources via online surveys.
- Collaborate with other K-12 educators through threaded discussions and webinars.

Why Participate?

Participating K-12 educators will benefit by:

- Engaging students in learning through innovative science, technology, engineering and math resources.
- Developing students' critical-thinking and problem solving skills.
- Taking a leadership role in identifying resources that align to your state's content standards.
- Sharing best practices with peers across the nation via webinars and threaded discussion groups.
- Influencing the future direction of resource development in the National Science Digital Library.
- Participating in a national movement to bring student and teacher voices into the policy process.
- Receiving recognition for participating in this national project.

**To learn more about the program and/or sign-up to participate, please contact:
Laurie Smith, OC Programs Director at lsmith@tomorrow.org or 949 609-4660 ext 17.**

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