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Battle rages over eRate

Gates goes before Senate

National ed-tech standards set

Idaho schools reap technology windfall

AP classes move online



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Looking Back Decade of Ed



Ten years ago this month, we launched *eSchool News* as a resource to help education leaders usher in a new era of school reform. And over the last decade, we've seen many developments that have transformed education through the use of technology in communities from coast to coast.

In our first-ever issue, we reported on a new federal program that was just getting off the ground, designed to bring internet access into classrooms. Besieged by critics who labeled it the "Gore tax," the eRate suffered through a rocky first year of existence—and each twist, turn, and setback in the program's development was chronicled in the pages of this publication. Ten years later—and after further wrangling about instances of waste, fraud, and abuse—virtually every classroom in America is now wired, and the eRate stands as a testament to what is possible when the public and private sectors come together for the benefit of students.



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Microsoft backs school software standard

Schools prepare for Y2K

eRate survives telcos' legal assault

Dell claims top spot in education

Internet2 opens to K-12



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Alliance

Maine goes

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Back on a 10th ed-Tech News



The last decade has brought profound changes in education and technology. Led initially by Microsoft Corp., the school software industry has developed a framework for interoperability, so all of a school system's software programs can communicate with one another and share data seamlessly in real time, regardless of their

manufacturer. Technology also has revolutionized the nature of assessment, giving teachers an instant feedback loop that can help them adjust their instruction on the fly and personalize it for each student. And lecture podcasts, low-cost laptops, and online courseware have fueled the democratization of education—bringing the vision of “anytime, anywhere learning” to fruition.

In this special retrospective, *eSchool News* takes a look back at some of the most significant developments in educational technology over the last 10 years. And if the last decade is any indication, the next 10 years should prove even more transformative for schools.—The Editors

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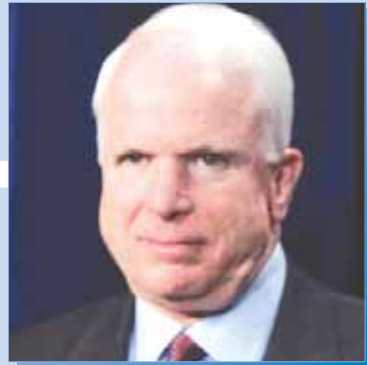


NCLB brings new accountability to education Schools revisit cell phone bans after 9-11

Study validates Missouri's ed-tech program Maine rolls out ambitious laptop program 'Fair use' extended to online instruction



Virtual schooling targets youngest grades
State mounts revolutionary online exam
Pennsylvania cyber schools mired in controversy
Arizona schools get free online software
Schools become open-source battleground



Old foes renew eRate attacks

South Dakota pulls plug on online testing

Lawsuit threatens open-source movement

Music labels threaten to sue internet pirates

Schools urged to teach new-age skills

2003

Ten Who've Made

Meet 10 leaders from the public and private sectors who have made the most significant contributions to education in the last decade, according to eSchool News members. Go to: <http://www.eschoolnews.com>



2004

MIT researchers strive for \$100M

Indiana paces science

Science instruction

Google sued for copyright

Congress slashes

Microsoft legal deals aid schools

Michigan signs \$68M deal for school laptops

Arizona school dumps textbooks for laptops

Duke gives iPods to incoming freshmen

Tablet PCs make their mark on education

