



Monthly Update for SEED Schools

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Hello!

Fall is here and the leaves are beginning to change color here in Missouri. I hope each of you takes a moment to enjoy this show of nature!



We understand that the COVID pandemic has changed the landscapes of all schools and we are working with schools' affiliate trainers on an individual basis to respond to each school's unique situation. We have also modified the teacher training schedule by removing the last Design Cycle and allowing teachers to use those four hours of training time as they build their engineering design experiences. Please let us know how we can help your school as we work together to create a positive learning experience for your students.

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What is happening now?

- **Teachers** are working together in school-centered huddles during Design Cycle 1 as part of their October PD. They will be involved in creating "bite-sized" engineering experiences to implement in their classrooms.
- **Online Tech Labs** provide additional technology practice/tips for teachers and trainers. Participants may choose from either the basic or advanced versions and from the topics of Google Forms, Using Science Probes, or using GPS Technologies. As Tech Labs are completed, the selected tool will be used with students during a classroom activity in order to receive a Tech Lab [Digital Badge](#).
- **Liaisons** are experienced, veteran teachers assigned to virtually support school building teams as they work during the online professional learning experience. Information is provided in the online module S205 about how to communicate with your school's liaison.
- **Probeware** packages, Garmin eTrex GPS Devices, green-screens are arriving at schools for usage by participating teachers and students. The probeware is ordered from Pasco and is arriving separately from the Garmins and green-screens which are coming from KCAV.
- **Flex Hours** are available for teacher work time and can be used for interdisciplinary unit development or preparations for classroom activities. They are flexible in order to accommodate the unique needs of your school. There are 9 total hours available, affiliate trainers that need help with scheduling or reporting "flex" hours may inquire with their eMINTS staff trainer.

What is coming up?

- **Affiliate Trainers** will be using the [Sibme](#) tool to record facilitation examples as part of their virtual coaching support. These examples may also be used as part of their formal observation, portfolio development and certification process for eMINTS Affiliate Trainers.
- **Data collection** information will be arriving from AIR in the next few weeks. Due to the COVID pandemic, some previously planned means of data collection may be modified.
- **Order forms** will be arriving in November for 360 cameras. We will be ordering a limited number for each school. If your school determines a need for additional cameras, we will provide a form to submit a request.
- **School Implementation Meetings** that focus on using design thinking to help plan your project's sustainability will begin occurring in January. Watch for an email asking your team to select a time and day. that focus on using design thinking to help plan your project's sustainability will begin occurring in January. Watch for an email asking your team to select a time and day.
- School **fiscal contacts** will be receiving the details for your school's year 3 grant budget from the University in the next two weeks

Due Dates/Reminders:

- [FUNdamentals Free Webinars](#) are being offered by eMINTS for the school year. Any educator is welcome to attend. These **webinars** focus on online resources that teachers can use with their students during classroom or remote instruction and the next webinar takes place on December 10 at 4pm. [Sign up and share!](#)
- **Building Principals** may now [sign up](#) for virtual meetings taking place in November
- Please also remember to complete the [SEED Match Form](#) with any **additional expenses** your district has incurred for equipment, equipment upgrades, materials, supplies, meals, etc. This will help us meet our federal match. Thanks for taking the time to help us!

Helpful Resources

- [NGSS-Standards](#)
- [eMINTS Teacher Year 2 PD Schedule](#)
- [Design Cycles with PD Descriptions](#)
- Check out and join [eMINTS Educators on Facebook](#) and also [3D Printing for Health on Facebook](#).

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