

SchoolNet Network of Innovative Schools





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launched the Network of Innovative Schools (NIS) in 1998 as a way to recognize and support Canadian K-12 schools that have successfully integrated information and communication technology (ICT) in innovative ways into the learning environment. Today, NIS membership consists of over 140 schools from every province and territory. These schools were selected by arm's-length evaluation committees to become NIS members based on their capacity to model the use of ICT and the Internet in the learning community and to support the efforts of others interested in doing so.

SchoolNet contributes up to \$10,000 per year to selected school for each year of membership. This funding helps schools to continue their work with ICT and participate in research and mentoring activities during the course of the school year. In addition, NIS Regional Coordinators work with members to develop their ICT plans and to help them achieve their goals of mentoring, research and sharing of innovative practices.

Member schools are expected to:

- engage in projects that demonstrate innovative ways of using ICT in learning;
- share and promote their models and practices;
- act as mentors to other schools;
- participate in professional development opportunities;
- contribute to research, development of benchmarks and innovative practices of ICT in learning;
- participate actively in the Network through on-line and other channels;
- facilitate collaborative learning relationships among and between teachers, students, and schools; and
- expand interaction with parents, volunteers, community organizations, post-secondary learning institutions and/or businesses as a way of building a broader learning community.

To learn more, please visit the NIS Web site at

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