

New York State Educational Media Technology Association



MISSION:

Our mission is to cultivate collaboration among members to strengthen and support learning and media literacy through evolving educational resources.

WE ARE:

New York State educators with media/technology responsibilities within a BOCES media program or a nonpublic regional media center

MEDIA/TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS:

- Support educators and students in the proficient use of media and technology
- Provide dynamic leadership in current and evolving technologies
- Provide resources and services that correlate to state and national learning standards of instructional excellence
- Collaborate with each other, corporate/business partners, the public sector, and other service providers to ensure quality services
- Use professional associations to advance our contributions to quality learning experiences for students

STRATEGIC GOALS:

The New York State Educational Media Technology Association will:

- Support New York State Education Department efforts to promote change through the implementation of new learning standards
- Actively promote information sharing within the field of media and technology
- Provide opportunities for the professional and staff development of its membership
- Enhance the image of educational media technology services
- Expand and strengthen its role in the media/technology field
- Support initiatives that promote the cooperation of regional media technology centers and association corporate partners

ANNUAL MEDIA/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The New York State Educational Media/Technology Association provides up to two annual Media Literacy Grants for certified teachers in New York State who are working with Pre-K-12 students on media literacy. Eligible educators must work in a district that participates in the media service at a BOCES or Big 5 that is an EMTA member. Media literacy is defined as the ability to comprehend, design, and produce media. It includes critical thinking skills used to evaluate and analyze information in a variety of formats. Media literacy is essential to be able to distinguish between fact and fiction.

The purpose of the grant is to support educators who provide resources and services that correlate to state and national learning standards for instructional excellence promoting media literacy provide funds for research projects or demonstration projects that can be replicated across the State

Details about the grant can be found on the website. The deadline to submit for this grant is at the end of May each year.