

# Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools

## Digital Academy – Year 1

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The Chagrin Falls Digital Academy – Year 1 is a year-long professional development program for a team of teachers to become proficient in technology tools and strategies for 21st century education.

The Digital Academy participants will receive training and will be supported as they implement best practices in technology integration in their classrooms. They will then work as teacher leaders to share these strategies with their peers to accelerate the use of technology integration strategies throughout the district. Graduate credit from Ashland University will be made available for participation.

Expectations of Digital Academy 1 participants:

- Participation in monthly professional development sessions
- Participation in online learning environment to collaborate with colleagues between sessions
- Develop and implement lessons that integrate new technologies to enhance learning

Participating core academic content teachers will receive the following:

- Laptop computer with wireless capacity
- Access to interactive whiteboard (either installation of mimio / projector in classroom or regular access by sharing with another academy member)

Participating specials teachers will receive the following:

- Laptop computer with wireless capacity
- Specials teachers will consult with Bob Hunt to discuss appropriate software/equipment investments.

Training will include the following topics:

- Utilization of interactive whiteboards: Mimio
- Edu2.0 online course management system
- Collaborative Tools: Wikis, Blogs, Voicethread
- Progress Book
- Information Management Tools: RSS Readers, Social Bookmarking
- Designing lessons and units integrating technology to enhance learning

# Year 1 Application:

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Thank you for your interest in participating in the Digital academy. To apply, please answer the questions below and email your responses to Chris Sobolewski at [chris.sobolewski@chagrinschools.org](mailto:chris.sobolewski@chagrinschools.org) by Monday, June 1, 2009.

**Name:**

**Building:**

**Grade Level and Subject Area:**

**Do you currently have a lap top and or smart board within your classroom but would like to participate in the academy for professional development purposes?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Write a brief paragraph to respond to each of the following:**

1. Describe how technology can be used to create a more effective learning environment.
2. Describe your vision of what a technology and information rich learning environment looks like, both within and beyond the four walls of a classroom.
3. How will you personally and your students benefit from participating in this program?

