



### **Pilot Program Overview (A Family Outreach Plan)**

Computers 4 Kids is a joint program between the Advanced Technology Complex and the Technology Department. The program's purpose is to help increase academic achievement by providing a home computer to those students and their family. Computers for the program are currently 3 years old or older. These computers will be repaired and ready for distribution through the Advanced Technology Complex A+ and Cisco Programs. To receive a computer, the students will be selected for the program by grades, recommendation, attendance and behavior. Students and their parents will be required to attend two sessions. The first session will have a parent/student outreach program and technology training. The second session will be used to develop more technology skills and handout computers. *First target group will be 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in selected Title I schools in the district.*

### **Pilot Schools**

The focus for the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year will be to target 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Each of the following campuses will get to choose 20 students:

September/October

Lee Elementary  
Hodge Elementary

November/December

Rivera Elementary  
Newton Razor Elementary

### **Student Selection Process**

Students will be required to fill out an application and Letter of Understanding to be eligible for the program. The TI's for each of the campuses will be the Campus program coordinator and will be in charge of promotional material, accepting applications, identifying students and processing applications. A committee set up by the principal will evaluate and choose award winners. Once winners have been chosen, a letter to parents of the students will be mailed or handled through the school. The school will provide a list of students and applications to the Advanced Technology Complex. Awards will be on a monthly basis depending upon availability of computers systems in inventory. Computer recipients will be contacted by phone/mail at the beginning of each month to schedule training and computer pickup.

### **Student Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be a student enrolled in Denton ISD
- Must not have a computer at home
- Must have a passing grade point average (campus decides timeline)
- Must have good attendance as identified by the campus
- Must submit a completed application with Letter of Understanding
- Must be recommended by school
- Must agree to attend educational training as assigned.

- Must be able to pick up computer on assigned day at the Advanced Technology Complex

### **Computer Systems:**

Computer systems will be provided by Denton ISD technology. All computer systems will be salvaged computers of three years or older in age. The computers that will be provided to the students will be given to the students with a base image with Windows XP and freeware software Open office, virus protection (AVG), spyware protection (Spybot), and a graphics (GIMP) program.

### **Training Sessions**

Students and Parents are both required to attend the two sessions of training. They also could attend possible technology training alternative sessions throughout the year for enrichment.

#### **Session 1**

During this session, students and parents will received information on emerging career fields and the educational models designed to assist students in preparing for their future. An introduction to the career academies will address sixth grade through a university degree so the link between academic preparation and their future will be evident. Students and parents will learn about how they can double their income by preparing for processional certification/licensures that will be available as part of the educational process. The concept will be to *engage the entire family in the educational process and the importance of parent involvement.*

#### **Session 2**

During this session, students and parents will receive computer system, training on operation and software basics. Discussion of use and proper care will be a main focus for this session. *A calendar of enrichment training will be provided for those families that would like more technology training.*

### **Technical Support**

The TI's will be the first contact for the student for repair or replacement. The TI will contact the Director and schedule a replacement computer for the student. Each student in the program is eligible for a computer replacement one time for repairs during the first year.

### **Evaluation of Program**

An evaluation form will be given to teachers and students at the end of the school year to evaluate the effectiveness of the program in the household and on academic performance. These evaluations will be used to adjust the program for the next year.