

Join the Iowa DEN!

The Discovery Educator Network (DEN) is a global community of educators passionate about teaching with digital media, sharing resources, collaborating and learning together. The DEN connects dynamic, engaged teachers online and face-to-face. In this innovative community of educators, the more you participate, the more you grow. Discovery Educators have exclusive access to a wide range of resources, professional development activities, networking opportunities, exclusive Discovery Educator events and more.



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Classroom teachers, technology coordinators, teacher librarians and anyone else excited about using digital resources in education can officially join the network at DENcommunity.com. Click on "New User Registration" in the upper left-hand corner. The Iowa DEN is just beginning. We have 125 members and hope to have over 1,000 by the end of the year.

At DENcommunity.com educators can:

- Connect with peers worldwide through discussion boards and blogs.
- Share methods of using digital media in the classroom, including tips on integrating Discovery Education (DE) streaming and other resources into their curricula. (DE streaming Plus is provided at no cost to your school by Iowa AEAs.)
- Participate in professional development activities such as digital storytelling, podcasting, blogging, and more.
- Learn about DEN events (conferences, training sessions, networking events, and more) happening in your area.

Professional Development State and National Conferences

At major national conferences like NECC and FETC, and state conferences

like ITEC, DEN hosts preconference workshops and other events that give Discovery Educators the opportunity to attend professional development workshops and network with their peers.

National Institutes

The DEN sponsors several national institutes at locations across the United States. These intensive, weeklong institutes provide members with an opportunity to learn new ways to integrate digital media into instructional practices and share ideas with colleagues from all over the country.

Iowa Days of Discovery

The Iowa DEN Leadership Council, led by Discovery Educators, will host local events throughout Iowa. Facilitated by Discovery Educators for Discovery Educators, these events will provide opportunities to learn from colleagues with a local focus in mind.

EdTech Connect Series

Leading experts in the field of educa-

tional technology share their knowledge with Discovery Educators. Held monthly, past guests have included Kathy Schrock, Alan November and David Warlick. (Held live via the Internet.)

Discovery Connect Series

Engage your students by attending webinars featuring Discovery personalities. Recent guests have included Dr. Penny Allen, field producer for PLANET EARTH, and Allan Butler, producer for Discovery Channel and the Science Channel. (Held live via the Internet.)

Become a STAR Discovery Educator

After joining the DEN, you will have an opportunity to become a STAR Discovery Educator by sharing your digital skills and expertise with others. You will receive a welcome kit and access to exclusive resources, events and more. For details, visit <http://community.discoveryeducation.com/star/index.html>.