

Digital Age Learning and Resources

Virtual Sessions, Asynchronous, and Face to Face Sessions

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Discounts:

- Select virtual sessions, asynchronous courses, and face-to-face sessions are offered at **no cost** to the Elevate20 Coop. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the list of members. Full list of available sessions by department here: [Elevate20 Cooperative](#)
- Select virtual sessions, asynchronous courses, and face-to-face sessions are offered at **no cost** to ESC-20 Library Services Co-op Members.
- Does your school or district subscribe to Discovery Education? Email Susan Reeves with technical, login or training needs.

Questions? Office Hours:

- Book an appointment at your convenience:
Susan F. Reeves: calendly.com/susan-reeves

In Need of BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS? Successful participation in the workforce requires mastery of basic computer skills. For example, do you know how to copy/paste, take screenshots, and open a new tab in a browser? [CLICK HERE](#) for free, self-paced BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS resources.


For questions about the sessions, please contact Susan Reeves susan.reeves@esc20.net. For questions about the ESC-20 Library Resources Co-op, please contact Suzy Groff at tina.groff@esc20.net. Discovery Education questions? Contact Susan Reeves.

Scroll to the end of the Bulletin or use the Document Outline on the left to locate the Asynchronous Courses for 2025-26 School Year

August 2025			
Time	Topic	Summary	
Thursday, August 28 9:00 -11:00 am Virtual	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence for Parents (Susan Reeves)	<p>Everywhere you turn in the news and social media, there are posts about Artificial Intelligence tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini and CoPilot. As a parent, what do you need to understand about the tools? How can you utilize them for your own purposes? What should you know when guiding your children? In this introductory session we'll review key tools and questions to ask as a parent when utilizing Artificial Intelligence tools.</p> <p>For more information on the amazing free ESC-20 parent education series, visit the Parent Resources Page.</p>	Session #112249 FREE

September 2025			
Time	Topic	Summary	
Tuesday, September 2 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm Virtual	Discovery Education Updates for Account Administrators (Susan Reeves)	<p>Are you a district or campus administrator for Discovery Education and not quite sure what your responsibilities are? This webinar is for you! Attend to learn the basics of DE campus, teacher and student user administration, training resources and a spotlight of the NEW features within Discovery Education. Learn about free training available for your district!</p>	Session #114652 FREE

		Participants will be sent the login link to their session in the Connect20 confirmation email and approximately 45 minutes before the start of the session based on the email provided in the Connect20 Registration system. Any questions? Please email Susan Reeves, susan.reeves@esc20.net	
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October 2025			
Time	Topic	Summary	
Thursday Oct. 2, 9 am - Noon Face to Face	Leveraging AI for Social Studies Lesson Design (Ana Villarreal Simpson and Susan F. Reeves)	<p>Artificial Intelligence can be our friend if we learn how to leverage AI for Social Studies Lesson Design. In this session, we will do a deep dive into how NotebookLM, a powerful tool from Google, can transform social studies lesson planning enhancing creativity, efficiency, and engagement. We'll use AI, our TEKS, TEKS Resource System (or your district content resources), TexQuest and our content experts; Susan F. Reeves from Digital Age Learning, and Ana Villarreal Simpson, Social Studies Consultant to support your work in creating engaging opportunities for your students that align to the TEKS.</p> <p>Please bring your laptops and charging cords. You must have a Google account for this session.</p>	Register: 112100 Registration will open in September \$100 Free to Elevate20 members
Thurs. & Fri. Oct. 23 & 24 8:30 am - 3:30 pm		Techtober is Region 20's premier edtech event, bringing together	Register beginning

<p>Face to Face Breakfast and Lunch Provided each Day</p>	<p>Techtober</p>	<p>the best of instructional strategies and cutting-edge technology—all in one place, right here in San Antonio.</p> <p>This two-day conference connects educators, tech leaders, and innovators to explore hands-on solutions that impact student learning today and shape the classrooms of tomorrow.</p> <p>From AI to blended learning, cybersecurity to esports, Techtober unlocks the future of education through high-impact sessions, expert panels, and real-world strategies shared by districts and partners across Texas.</p> <p>Experience the energy, innovation, and inspiration of a major edtech conference, tailored for local leaders and classroom changemakers.</p>	<p>September 1: 113009</p> <p>Free to Tech20 members</p> <p>Tech20 District Members</p> <p>\$150 others</p>
<p>Tuesday, Oct. 28 8:30 am - 3:30 pm</p> <p>Face to Face</p>	<p>STEM by Design Conference</p>	 <p>The graphic features two stylized cartoon figures, a boy and a girl, pointing upwards. Between them is a circular emblem with the word 'STEM' in the center, surrounded by icons for science, technology, engineering, and math. Below the figures, the text 'STEM BY DESIGN: BUILDING FUTURE READY LEARNERS' is displayed in a bold, blocky font. The background is dark blue with various tech-related icons and a grid pattern.</p>	<p>Register: 110675</p> <p>\$100 (if NOT in a CTE/GT Coop District)</p> <p>\$65 for CTE and Gifted and Talented Coop Districts</p>


November 2025

Time	Topic	Summary	
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<p>Wed., Nov 5, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm</p> <p>Face to Face</p>	<p>Leveraging AI for Science Lesson Design (Lisa Soll, Susan F. Reeves)</p>	<p>Artificial Intelligence can be our friend if we learn how to leverage AI for Science Lesson Design. In this session, we will do a deep dive into how NotebookLM, a powerful tool from Google, can transform science lesson planning enhancing creativity, efficiency, and engagement.</p> <p>We'll use AI, our TEKS, TEKS Resource System (or your district content resources), TexQuest and our content experts; Susan F. Reeves from Digital Age Learning, and Lisa Soll, Science Consultant to support your work in creating engaging opportunities for your students that align to the TEKS.</p> <p>Please bring your laptops and charging cords. You must have a Google account for this session.</p>	<p>Register: 111388</p> <p>Opens in September \$ Free to Elevate20</p>
<p>Thursday, November 13 8:30 am - 3:30 pm</p> <p>Face to Face</p>	<p>Learning in Libraries Conference</p>		<p>Register: 110452</p> <p>Opens in September</p>

August 2025			
Time	Topic	Summary	Registration
<p>Thurs. & Friday.</p>	<p>Rural Opportunities in Computer</p>	<p>This is a highly-engaging 2-day professional development opportunity focused on</p>	<p>Link to Information Flyer Link to Program</p>

Session will be rescheduled for late July/August dates TBA.
July Session in Navarro ISD is still on.

<p>June 26 & 27 8:30 am - 3:30 pm</p> <p>Face to Face</p> <p>AT CRYSTAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>\$200 stipend plus mileage up to \$160 Lunch Provided</p> <p>Participants will receive five classroom kits following the session.</p>	<p>Science (Anna Olguin)</p> 	<p>integrating computer science through a Project-Based Learning (PBL) approach. The program uses the free Microsoft FarmBeats Curriculum</p> <p>We encourage middle and high school Computer Science teachers, as well as CTE Agriculture, Math, and Science teachers to apply. This unique opportunity is designed to help teachers enhance your classroom instruction with hands-on coding strategies and cross-curricular connections.</p> <p>This resource has been aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Agriculture, 6th grade Technology Applications, 7th grade Science, and 8th grade Science (TEKS alignment).</p>	<p>Application</p> <p>No Fee, Stipends paid!</p> <p>Must be a middle school or high school teacher to apply!</p> <p>Funded by a grant from WeTeach_CS</p>
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Asynchronous Courses 2025-26

Time	Topic	Summary	
Asynchronous 1.5 hours credit	Introduction to AI for Teachers (Susan F. Reeves)	This course is a prerequisite course for all AI asynchronous courses. Introduction to AI for Teachers will set the stage, provide essential information on privacy and security, and prepare you to safely experience and explore AI Tools.	Session # 102287 \$60 Free to Elevate20 and Library Resources Coops
Asynchronous 2 hours credit	AI Tools: Google Gemini (Susan F.	Prerequisite: Introduction to AI for Teachers This course will provide an introduction	Session # 112753 \$60 Free to Elevate20 and

	Reeves)	to Google's Gemini AI tool, provide information on Prompt Engineering, and assist you in creating your customized Google Gem, a personalized AI assistant.	Library Resources Coop
Asynchronous 2 hours credit	AI Tools: NotebookLM from Google	<p>Prerequisite: Introduction to AI for Teachers</p> <p>This course will provide an introduction to Google's NotebookLM tool. NotebookLM is unique in that it uses source materials that you add in generating responses. You add your own sources (Google Docs, Slides, YouTube Videos, Text, websites and more) and NotebookLM utilizes those sources in responding to prompts, creating a customized podcast, and a variety of instructional materials.</p>	<p>Session # 112774</p> <p>\$60 Free to Elevate20 and Library Resources Coop</p>
Asynchronous 1.5 hours credit	Essentials of Chrome (Susan F. Reeves)	<p>Asynchronous Course: This course is an introduction to the Chrome Web Browser. In this session, you'll learn how to create your Chrome profile(s), keep your school and personal information separated, secure passwords and browsing history, and safely switch between profiles.</p> <p>This is an asynchronous course that will be accessed via the Canvas platform. You will receive an email from Canvas within 48 hours that will allow you to create an account and access this course. Important: Please be sure to create your new account in Canvas using the primary email that is tied to your Connect 20 account.</p>	<p>Session # 108186</p> <p>\$60 Free to Elevate20 and Library Resources Coops</p>
Asynchronous 1.5 hours credit	Chrome Bookmarks and Tab Management (Susan F. Reeves)	<p>Asynchronous Course: This course is an introduction to Chrome Bookmarks and Tab Management. In this session, you'll learn how to organize and access your Chrome Bookmarks, as well as how to organize, save, and create tab groups.</p> <p>This is an asynchronous course that will be accessed via the Canvas platform. You will receive an email from Canvas</p>	<p>Session # 108185</p> <p>\$60 Free to Elevate20 and Library Resources Coops</p>

		within 48 hours that will allow you to create an account and access this course. Important: Please be sure to create your new account in Canvas using the primary email that is tied to your Connect 20 account.	
Asynchronous 3 hours credit	Discovery Education Updates (Susan F. Reeves)	<p>Asynchronous Course: This course provides a review of new features in Discovery Education, plus shares best practices for searching, user profile settings, and locating free PD in the Discovery Platform.</p> <p>This is an asynchronous course that will be accessed via the Canvas platform. You will receive an email from Canvas within 48 hours that will allow you to create an account and access this course. Important: Please be sure to create your new account in Canvas using the primary email that is tied to your Connect 20 account.</p>	<p>Session #108184</p> <p>Free to Discovery Education Subscribing Districts and Elevate20 members</p> <p>All others \$100</p>

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Successful participation in the workforce requires that you have mastered basic computer skills. Please review the resources below.

- Free courses available from [GCFLearnFree](#) provide opportunities to increase your knowledge of computers and many other related topics.
All Basic Computer Topics:
<https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/topics/computers/> Some computer topics include: Basic Computer Skills, Mouse Tutorial, Typing Tutorial, and Tech Savvy Tips and Tricks.
- Free courses from Goodwill Community Foundation.
Start with Computer Topics Courses, then view all 200+ course offerings here: <https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/topics/>