DuPage Regional Office of Education Summer Tech Conference

Building the Future:

Learning, Sharing, and Growing in a Tech/AI- Driven World

Thursday, June 18, 2026, | 8:00 - 2:00

The DuPage Regional Office of Education (DROE) is now accepting session proposals for our third annual summer conference, **Learning, Sharing, and Growing in a Tech/AI-Driven World**, which will be held on **Thursday**, **June 18, 2026**, from **8:00-2:00** in **Roselle, IL**. Through engaging sessions and expert insights, we aim to create a community of education professionals ready to navigate the evolving landscape of AI and Technology in education. Help us make this happen!

Session proposal submissions are welcome from all educators, school administrators/leaders, technology directors/specialists, and IT professionals.

Session Format: 60-minute sessions
Proposals with clear, specific topics and active engagement will receive priority. We seek sessions that build on one another, don't overlap, and offer varied content for all our participants. Keep in mind that AI continues to develop and evolve.

Below, you will find **information about the types of presentations** we seek. After you have read through it, please use the link at the bottom to submit your workshop proposal.

You may contact Vickie Trotter (vtrotter@dupageroe.org) or Robin Lipkowitz (rlipkowitz@dupageroe.org) with any questions.

Thank you for considering joining us for this exciting event!

Presentation Categories:
Presentations should focus on **<u>one</u> of the following categories/tracks** suggested below.

- **<u>AI/ Technology in the Classroom</u>:**
  Pedagogical Approaches to Incorporate AI in Teaching and Learning
  Audience: All school-based educators and staff
  Sessions in this strand <u>may</u> include:
    - Ethical practices, Student Conduct, and expectations
    - Differentiation and AI - Supporting success for all learners
    - **Shifting educational practices -refining your practice while sustaining academic integrity**
    - Moving from plagiarism to evidence of effort
    - Shifting Learning in a Technology-Rich Environment
    - Shifting assessment and evaluation methods
    - Working with students in unique ways to enhance learning.

- **<u>Leading Districts and Schools in an AI World.</u>** Supporting Faculty
  Audience: Administrators, District and School Leaders, Technology Directors, Coordinators, and Instructional Coaches.
  Sessions in this strand may include:
    - Crafting a Flexible District & School Acceptable Use Policy for staff & students
    - Administrative Tasks, e.g., scheduling, enrollment management
    - Student Conduct and Behavior Management: AI Ethics in Education
    - Curriculum and Instruction: Instructional Design with AI Integration
    - Academic Integrity
    - Staff and Community Professional Development and training
    - The law and AI
    - Shifting assessment and evaluation methods
    - Panel Discussions: Developing and updating tech policy to include AI.

- **<u>Working Behind the Scenes: Keeping Schools Safe in an AI/Tech-Rich World</u>**
  Audience: Technology Directors, Technology Specialists, Cybersecurity, and Infrastructure Specialists
  Sessions in this strand <u>may</u> include:
    - Hacking in an AI world: Deceptive AI-how to protect your school community.

    - Working with the infrastructure while supporting teachers and students in the classroom
    - The Law and AI - Soppa, Coppa, PII, and AI
    - Software and AI: What to look for when reviewing programs for learning
    - Protecting student and staff privacy

- **Innovative Teaching in a Tech-Enhanced Classroom**
  Audience: Technology Directors, Educators, Instructional Designers, EdTech Specialists
  Sessions in this strand may include:
    - Integrating Emerging Technologies: Tools for Transformative Learning
    - Leveraging Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality in Education
    - Collaborative Learning: Using Technology to Enhance Student Engagement
    - Exploring the EdTech Landscape: Evaluating Tools for Effective Instruction
    - Digital Citizenship: Preparing Students for a Tech-Driven Future

Submit your proposal here. The deadline for proposals is **March 16, 2026.**