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Advocating for Educational Technology

[VSTE Statement Opposing HB 8, Virginia Virtual School](#),
February 16, 2016

[VSTE Statement on Net Neutrality](#), May 2014

[VSTE Supports Blueprint for the Future of Public Education](#),
November 2011

[VSTE Responds to the Virginia Board of Education's proposed Guidelines for the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct and Abuse in Virginia Public Schools](#). January 2011

The Virginia Society for Technology in Education (VSTE) serves as an advocate for educational technology. While our members come from many different areas of the educational spectrum, they share a belief that technology has the power to transform teaching and learning. They also believe that technological literacy is an essential part of the skills needed to be successful in the 21st century. If the United States wants to maintain its position as a global leader, our students must be able to use technology effectively.

We want to let policy makers know of the importance of educational technology. We want to let them know what they can do to support effective technology use. Our goal is to bring the voices of Virginia's educators to those policy makers, using their stories to show the powerful ways that we can improve teaching and learning through the systemic use of technology.

As an affiliate of the International Society for Technology in

Education, VSTE is able to advocate at the federal level as well. [ISTE's Advocacy Platform](#) includes positions on a variety of issues such as adult education, broadband, the maker movement, and privacy and security. You can join the ISTE Advocacy Network to keep up to date on legislation and activities that may affect both Virginia and your school division.

We have developed several white papers related to educational technology designed to guide educators:

- [Innovation and Technology in Education](#)
- [Web 2.0 in Education](#)
- [Funding Professional Development](#)
- [Funding Standards of Quality](#)

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