# K to the 8th Power for 21st Century Skills Now





"Schools like mine really benefit from the K to the 8th Power curriculum and your kids will really love it too!"

Jean Suttie, Principal St. Patrick's School Sparta, Wisconsin To succeed in school and beyond, today's students need academic skills, technology skills, and 21st century skills like information literacy and communication. Only Connections Learning's "K to the 8th Power" (Kto8) offers all three kinds of skills in one **award-winning, interactive, and highly affordable** package that's easy to use in the classroom and computer lab alike.

With Kto8 lessons, your students acquire essential computer skills through the use of popular computer applications. But rather than present computer concepts in isolation, the K to the 8th Power was named the 2010 winner of the CompuEd Annual Bessie Award for **Best** Educational Software



Kto8 lessons teach computer skills and apply them to core reading, writing, and math objectives. So students gain meaningful reinforcement of key academic concepts while progressing toward technology literacy.

## **Help Students Master Key Computer Applications**

Students learn by working through Kto8 lessons, developing practical, transferable computer skills using popular software programs. The Kto8 lessons cover all of today's "need to know" applications and skills, including:

- Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Word<sup>®</sup>, Excel<sup>®</sup>, PowerPoint<sup>®</sup>, Access<sup>®</sup>, Publisher<sup>®</sup>, and FrontPage<sup>®</sup>
- Kid Pix<sup>®</sup>
- Kidspiration<sup>®</sup>
- Keyboarding
- HTML
- Internet Safety and Cyber Security

## **Reinforce Key Academic Concepts**

Computer lab directors and classroom teachers can use Kto8 lessons to develop computer literate and technology savvy students, while at the same time reinforcing state and local academic standards. This powerful combination gives the classroom teacher and lab director practical, easy-to-use computer lab activities and exercises that reinforce not only what is being taught in the classroom, but also what is being tested and measured annually.

#### **Maximize Your Technology Investment**

Kto8 lessons can mean the difference between an underutilized computer lab and one that is truly leveraged to impart 21st century information and technology skills while improving state test scores. We can help your school or district quickly, cost-effectively and dramatically enhance the technology skills of your students, while simultaneously reinforcing the key math and language arts skills that are part of your state's high-stakes testing program.



## **Engaging, Interactive Content**

Choose from over 600 Kto8 lessons, complete with audio, activities, games, and assessment components. The lessons pair popular application software, such as Microsoft® PowerPoint® and Excel®, with core reading, writing, and math objectives. Teacher preparation time is minimized because each lesson comes bundled with everything your teachers need, including: a lesson plan, a grading rubric, activity instructions, activity data (if required by the lesson), and an example of the completed student activity. All lesson resources are in PDF format and can be downloaded to the teacher's computer or printed.

"WOW!!... Awesome new lessons... You guys are doing a great job... Thanks so much for making my job easier!" Technology Coordinator

Every Kto8 lesson also features ShowHow<sup>™</sup> interactive tutorials that show students how to accomplish the specific computer skills being presented in the lesson. Each ShowHow<sup>™</sup> has an audio track explaining what the student is seeing. Students can stop, start, move forward, backward, or replay the ShowHows<sup>™</sup>.

#### **Simple Administration**

Our **web-based delivery** system lets teachers and computer lab directors create and manage classrooms and assign lessons from anywhere. The **Class Grade Book** tracks log ins, assigned lessons, and grades, and is easily exported to your school's grade book. **Student Assessment** is built-in, with each lesson having a quiz on a technology and/or academic subject.

#### **Platform-Agnostic Design**

Most schools have a combination of computing environments so we designed Kto8 lessons to cover all the bases: PCs with XP, 2000, NT, or Windows 7, or Macs with Mac OSX.

#### **Proven Track Record**

Kto8 lessons are being used by more than more than a million students in over 400 schools and districts across the nation. And the more than 30,000 students enrolled in the Connections national network of virtual public schools also use Kto8 lessons everyday as part of their successful virtual school curriculum.

In addition to Kto8, Connections Learning delivers a comprehensive suite of virtual education products and services that span the e-learning spectrum, and helps educators meet a variety of student needs. Connections Learning e-learning solutions include: turnkey online courses for K-12; blended programs that deliver virtual instruction in a face-to-face setting; a homebound student program; online summer school; a credit recovery program; online speech therapy services; the Connexus<sup>™</sup> school management system; full virtual school solutions; and a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) package with courses, clubs and other resources.

#### **Outside the US?**

Educators around the globe can offer their students cutting-edge American online programs through a partnership with Connections Learning. Please call (888) 440-2890 or email *Solutions@connectionslearning.com* for details.



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