

## Podcasting in Schools

iPod is a natural for today's learning environment. It's easy to use, mobile, and supports anywhere, anytime learning. Mastering the process of podcasting will make it possible for you to make the most of this new distribution medium.

With more and more educational content being developed for and delivered through podcasting, educators and students have on-the-go access to audio that ranges from curriculum-related content to professional development programming.

Podcasting is also a way for teachers and students to publish and distribute content. Imagine a science instructor posting daily assignments and recorded lectures from class to a website that provides an RSS feed. Students can subscribe to the feed from home and then sync the assignments and content with the iPod, taking it wherever they go. There are many possibilities. For example, these types of communication needs can be met by distributing audio to a mobile educator or learner:

- District updates or announcements for parents and community
- Recorded classes for homebound students
- Faculty lectures
- Interviews
- Synchronized slideshows
- Music education
- Sharing of instructional methods by master teachers
- Sharing of other professional development resources
- Broadcasting student audio plays or other productions
- Foreign language practice
- Student poetry projects
- Sound-seeing tours
- Audiobooks or supplemental textbook materials