

METIRI Group Technology Solutions That Work

Technology Solutions that Work (TSW)

A Research-based Decision-making Tool for Schools

Are you grappling with how to get a return on your technology investment—a return in higher student performance? Do you want to inform your decision-making about technology with sound, reliable research? Are you finding it difficult to locate research aligned to your interests, and even more difficult to know which research findings are valid and significant, and which are not?

To help address these issues, the Georgia Department of Education has recently purchased Metiri Group's Technology Solutions that Work (TSW) database. This database puts research on early literacy and technology at your fingertips. As of July of 2005, the database has been updated to include middle school literacy. You can review detailed analyses of early literacy technology-based learning solutions and software, along with a summary of associated research studies. Tap into TSW to determine which research findings to factor into your school's investment in technology, and increase your confidence that you are investing your technology resources wisely.

Directions:

Step 1: Access the site at:

<http://www.metiri.com/techsolutions>

Step 2: In Group Token box, type the group token

Step 3: Register as a user, selecting the username and password that you will use from now on. Once you click Submit at the bottom of the form you will be a registered user.

Write both down for easy access later!

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with tabs: What Works, New & Promising, Inconclusive, Can't Recommend, Background, and About Metiri. Below the navigation is a quote: "Bringing you comprehensive analyses of what the research says works and doesn't work with technology in schools". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a login form with fields for Username and Password, a Login button, and a section for "New Users with a token" with a Group Token field and an Establish Login button. Below that is an "Other users" section with a link to contact Kirk Vandersall. The right column contains a large text block with the same introductory text as the main document, followed by a "Latest Additions" section mentioning a new tip.

The screenshot shows the "About Your Group" section with the following information: Organization: IDOE (1 of 3), Brief Description: State of Indiana, Administrative Contact: Carolyn White, Coordinator, INEXT, Valid from 3/1/2004 to 6/30/2005. Below this is the "About You" registration form with fields for Username, Password, Confirm Password, Organization, First Name, Last Name, and Role (e.g., Teacher, Principal, etc.).