

Call for Breakout Session Proposals

The Maine Department of Education is issuing a call for student and educator team breakout session proposals for the 18th Annual MLTI Student Conference to be held virtually on Thursday, May 20, 2021.

The MLTI Student Conference is a unique technology experience developed exclusively for students in grades 4–12. Since MLTI's beginning in 2001, the program has been providing students with their own technology conference focused on issues, concepts, and subjects that matter to them.

This year, the conference theme (still to be finalized) will recognize, in some way, the role technology has played in the last 12 months of the global pandemic.

Get involved

If you or someone you know is doing fantastic work involving technology and engaging students, we encourage you to submit a proposal for a breakout session at this year's conference. This year, the goal is to provide students with a choice of 45–50 breakout sessions ranging from biotechnology, artificial intelligence, and augmented reality to cybersecurity, STEM Animation and more.

This is a virtual student conference and will be hosted via a virtual meeting platform on the day of the event. Ideally, all proposals will incorporate some form of student leadership. This could mean students will lead the whole session (with some adult support), students will serve as guides/coaches during the activity portion, or something in between. Students can co-present with teachers or other educators (including from community or business organizations).



Submitting your proposal

Before submitting your breakout session proposal, please review the following requirements and topic guidelines. For more inspiration, you can [view last year's sessions](#).

Session requirements

Breakout sessions must:

- ✓ be presented by a Maine educator;
- ✓ last one hour;
- ✓ involve some form of students creating, making, or doing to leave students excited about what they learned and eager to share their experiences with others;
- ✓ be “platform-agnostic” and feature only free apps and tools that are accessible to all and appropriate for 4th–12th grade students.

Topic and design guidelines

Proposals are **not limited to the conference theme**. Breakout sessions might include topics such as:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music• Spoken word recording• Sound• Coding• Video production• Graphic design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stop motion• Writing and publishing your collection of short stories• Podcasting• Many more
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You can submit a proposal by completing the online form linked below. Completed proposals must be received no later than **Friday, April 30, 2021**.

[Submit a proposal](#)