

Are Teachers Using the Net?

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NetDay, the educational technology nonprofit organization that launched a nationwide campaign to wire schools, recently released a survey that found that while nearly all teachers have access to the Internet at their schools, less than half of them use it when building new lessons.

According to the survey, 78 percent of teachers blame lack of time as the primary reason for not logging on. Half cite speed of access and lack of technical support as a limitation, and some just don't know how to use it effectively.

Most said they see the Internet as a research tool, and said that it has not changed the way they teach. NetDay launched a campaign to address these concerns this past weekend at the National Leadership Summit on Education and Technology. The group hopes to create a network of technology leadership mentors to help teachers integrate the Internet into the curriculum.

Over 600 public and private schoolteachers nationwide were surveyed over the phone for the study.