



Introducing the LifeSmarts Tech Lab

The new LifeSmarts Tech Lab helps students learn about current technology topics and provides educators with tools to teach about technology in the classroom and in extracurricular settings. Tech Lab topics include privacy and security, telephone technology, broadband, e-communications, cyber-ethics, and more. Each of the 18 Tech Lab topics contains the following components for students to complete independently:

- Pre-quiz
- Article
- Game
- FAQs
- Links
- Glossary
- Fast Facts
- Post-quiz

An unplugged lesson is included for educators to use to reinforce student learning. The lessons are geared for classroom or group instruction and include activities, worksheets, extensions, objectives, links to national standards, and Power Point presentations.

Student Access to Tech Lab

To access the Tech Lab students will register at start.lifesmarts.org, complete the pre-quiz, and then select, "Visit the Tech lab." As students work through a topic their progress will be tracked.

Coach Access to Tech Lab

Coaches who wish to access the Tech Lab may register as a student by following the instructions above.

Answer keys, objectives, and national standards may be found in the password-protected area of the Coach's Corner. To access them, follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://start.lifesmarts.org/coaches>
2. Register as a coach by completing the registration form
3. Sign-in by entering your first name, last name and coach code. Click "Log in"
4. In the light blue bar at the top click on "Resources"
5. Look under "Tech Lab Resources" and click on the document you need
6. To track students go to "Workbook Stats." Click on the plus sign after a student's name to see the student's progress. (Note: you will only see Tech Lab stats for a student once the student is registered to your LifeSmarts team.)

About LifeSmarts

LifeSmarts is an educational program run by the National Consumers League to encourage high school students to learn about the consumer issues they face today and the new challenges that are right around the corner! Find us at: www.lifesmarts.org.