



**Joe Showker**  
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Joe is an innovator in the field of educational internet safety instruction throughout Virginia and the nation. He has spoken the state and on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. on the topic of internet safety. He consulted on the Virginia Department of Education's "Guide to Internet Safety in Virginia Schools" and recently worked with the Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance

at JMU in developing a Cyber Citizens Guide for Virginia's Schools. His classroom was the southeastern United States rollout for the Missing game, an interactive gaming experience for teaching internet safety.

He was recognized by Congressman Robert Goodlatte with a **Children's Champion Award** for his work as a national advisory board member for the Web Wise Kids program. Parents, teachers, and children in Virginia have learned strategies for safe ethical Internet use at home and in the classroom through Joe's presentations and mentoring. He has been recognized by the **Shenandoah Valley Technology Council** for his innovations in the K12 classroom.

His collaborations include **Virginia Attorney General Robert McDonnell's** Task Force for Internet Child Safety, The Shenandoah Valley Technology Consortium, The Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance at JMU, and BRPTV of Roanoke, Virginia. He is **MacWorld NY Faculty** and a columnist for the User-Group Network. He is **NETS\*T certified** and a former **NTTI Teacher of the Year** Runner-Up. Joe is an active presenter for the Virginia Society for Technology in Education, DOE Educational Technology Leadership Conference, and many school divisions throughout Virginia. He publishes a regular email news brief called "From the Frontline".

Joe has taught for 30 years in Rockingham County and is an instructional technology resource teacher for Rockingham County schools, training staff in the educational use of leading edge technology from podcasting to smartboards to video production in the classroom. He pioneered the first middle school computer literacy curriculum in Rockingham County Schools in the early 90's.

Showker has dedicated a lifetime to teaching and mentoring youth. He is a **lifetime PTA member**, is an award winning Virginia athletics coach, and is an active USATF track official. He maintains web pages recognizing local athletes, and is involved in the creation of numerous scholarships recognizing students for achievements. His wife Debbie is a career teacher and they have two children.

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