

## VizZle® to Award More Than \$100k in Learning Software TechGrants

***Proposal Submission Deadline is Oct. 5, 2010***

CLEVELAND, Sept. 16 -- Monarch Teaching Technologies Inc. has announced it will award more than \$100,000 in TechGrants for its award-winning VizZle® educational software, and submissions will be accepted through Oct. 5, 2010. Each TechGrant provides access to VizZle for up to 25 teachers, plus professional development and ongoing support, giving each award up to a \$25,000 value!

Created by researchers from Children's Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School and educators from the Monarch School for Children with Autism, VizZle is designed to help children with autism achieve by capitalizing on their visual processing skills and their inherent interest in multimedia. Research shows that children with autism pay more attention and retain more of what they learn when lessons are presented interactively on computers than when the lesson is presented in more traditional verbal/directive methods. Children with autism become very engaged when using computers, touch screens and electronic whiteboards, which can be used with VizZle software.

VizZle, short for "visual learning," offers the tools to create lessons as well as a library of thousands of visual lessons made by other users to teach academic and daily life concepts such as emotions. School districts in over 30 states are using the software, and teachers are sharing VizZle with peers and parents across the country.

Any qualified learning institution can apply for a VizZle TechGrant by completing the form at <http://www.monarchteachtech.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/MicroGrant-Application.doc>.

All forms must be submitted to Monarch at [techgrants@monarchtt.com](mailto:techgrants@monarchtt.com) by Oct. 5, 2010. Winning applicants will be notified by Oct. 18, and the TechGrant licenses will run Nov. 1, 2010 through Jun. 30, 2011.

For more information on VizZle or Monarch Teaching Technologies, visit [www.monarchteachtech.com](http://www.monarchteachtech.com).

***About VizZle®*** *Developed by the teachers and staff at the Monarch Center for Autism, VizZle is the fastest growing online community for authoring visual learning and language supports; as well as the world's largest online library of interactive visual learning supports in assorted formats – line drawings, pictures, photographs, and full video multimedia. Because it was developed by teachers for teachers – VizZle is easy to use right from the start, and has embedded virtual professional development with step by step videos. Teachers can share custom created lessons with other teachers as well as parents. Finally, teachers can also track student progress against IEP goals as a formative assessment tool to make informed decisions.*

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