

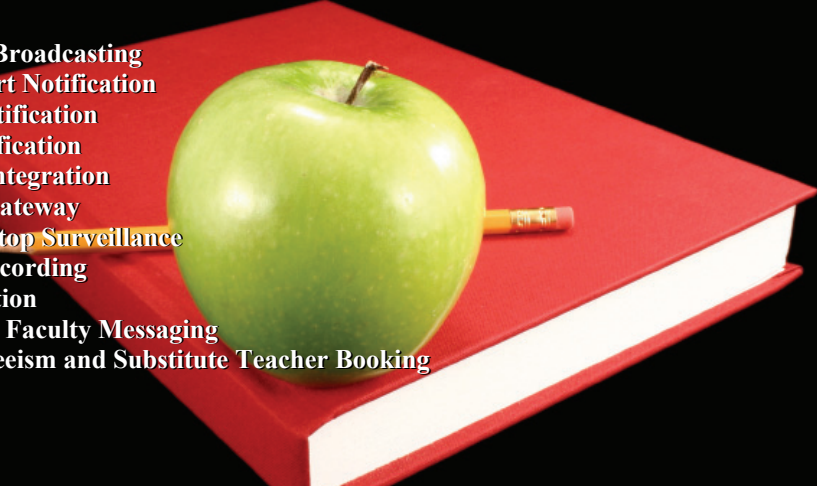


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## Communication Applications for Schools...

Preschool, Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle, and Secondary

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- School Activity Broadcasting
  - Community Alert Notification
  - Absenteeism Notification
  - Homework Notification
  - SIS Data Base Integration
  - Secure School Gateway
  - Classroom Desktop Surveillance
  - Call Capture Recording
  - Speech Recognition
  - Instant Wireless Faculty Messaging
  - Teacher Absenteeism and Substitute Teacher Booking

**TasTec Inc.** introduces the *Teacher's @ssistant* to your community.

Public Schools ▪ Roman Catholic Schools ▪ Evangelical Christian Schools ▪ Hebrew Schools ▪ Lutheran Schools ▪ Montessori Schools ▪ Private Independent Schools ▪ Charter Schools ▪ ...and more

### What is the *Teacher's @ssistant* ?



The *Teacher's @ssistant* is a group of multilingual computer software application modules, powered by an award winning, affordable, communications system called the *ICS* (Integrated Communications Server), designed to streamline messaging and improve communications between parents, teachers, faculty and students. The *ICS* is an easy-to-use voice processing and communications system that can bolt right on to any new or existing telecommunications infrastructure. The *ICS* is sold and supported worldwide through a growing, authorized dealer network.

Up keeping quality of education is an important standard for every community. Advanced communications between teaching staff, students and parents are a vital component of that standard, which makes the *Teacher's @ssistant* an integral choice.

**TasTec Inc.** offers a unique portfolio of products and services to small, medium and large sized schools. At **TasTec Inc.**, our goal is to provide the stakeholders of the education industry with revolutionary applications, such as the *ICS* and the *Teacher's Assistant* group of modules, to help solve their educational task challenges. With emphasis placed on; scalability, flexibility, ease-of-use and open architecture, the **TasTec Inc.** line of modular products offered are; simple to integrate, forward and backward compatible, well supported and custom designed.

## Protect Your Investment

Save thousands of dollars and make your existing or new phone system smart using plug-in educational modules as requirements and budgets permit. Once the base **ICS** system is installed, individual **Teacher's @ssistant** modules can be added to the **ICS** as needed. Install one or all; they can work independently of each other. Schools wishing to start with the **ICS** to provide basic automated attendant and voice mail functionality at low entry cost can start with the base **ICS** server and add **Teacher's @ssistant** modules as their budgets permit: It's open system architecture and modular scalability allows low entry cost and affordable expansion, protecting the School Board's communication investment today and into the future. The **ICS** improves any school's intra and extra communications with its standard off-the-shelf base system.



## Start Small



### The Base **ICS** System comes standard with:

- Voice Mail (250 users- expandable to 10,000)
- Automated Attendant (with over 80 powerful features)
- Custom Call Routing (10 by 49 levels)
- On-Hold Digital Messaging (3 messages per day any day of week)
- Call Accounting (10 seats - expandable)
- Desktop to Desktop Instant Messaging (10 seats - expandable)
- Cross Media Messaging (voice mail to e-mail)
- Remote Support Capability (dialup or secured ethernet)
- Remote Phone System Programming (Norstar only)

## Ease-to use Communication Tools

The **Teacher's @ssistant** Out-dialing, IVR, Network and Security Modules include:



- School Activity Broadcasting Module
- Community Alert Module
- Absenteeism Notification Module
- Homework Notification Module
- Teacher Absenteeism and Substitute Teacher Booking Module
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## Create Calling Campaigns for Multiple Groups

- Administrative or lead teacher's groups
- Bus, lunch or playground, monitoring group
- Clubs
- Crossing guard groups
- Custodial body
- Divisional groups
- EQUAO groups
- Field trip groups
- Fundraiser activities
- Teaching body
- Health groups
- Parent groups
- Performance groups
- PTA
- School bus groups
- School closure
- School council
- Sports teams
- Students
- Volunteer groups



The *Teacher's @ssistant* modules have been designed specifically to create, improve or re-establish bi-directional communication between the different and diverse groups that make up the school community. It is also very useful for recording and delivering announcements, notices and updates to any calling group on the system. Lists of different calling groups can be easily created and saved for future use.

The use of one, or all the *Teacher's @ssistant's* plug-in modules combine to create a flexible easy-to-use communications system designed specifically for the educational environment. Compatible with most existing or new phone systems, the *Teacher's @ssistant* gives

educators a connectivity tool to keep the school community informed, connected and safe which is unparalleled in the communications industry. While school based communications will be vastly improved by adding the traditional call processing features standard with the entry level *ICS*, the real benefit to the teaching, student and parent community comes when it is powered with some or all of the modules that upgrade the *ICS* to form the *Teacher's @ssistant*.

## Secured Access

Password protected, interfacing with the *Teacher's @ssistant* is secure and easy to do. Simply type in the message to be delivered to the household (Text-to-speech) or record a message using the school's phone (voice operated switch). Then, import the list of notification concerns, and launch the dialing campaign. The system will then call each number in the list, always respecting the dialing rules defined for those households: ("don't call after 10:00pm" and deliver the message to the intended recipient). The message can also be sent to an e-mail account, cell phone, PDA or pager.



## Detailed Reporting

With the **Teacher's @assistant**, if a given message is undeliverable within a dialing campaign, the system will create a log detailing the number of delivery attempts that were made. If successful, the system will detail to which medium(s) the message was delivered, and on which attempt. This gives administrators proof of how successful the communication was between the correspondence or notification sent by the system and the intended recipient.

## TasTec Inc. offers Technology for Today and into the Future

Every Educator knows a student with an open mind is capable of learning and using new technologies and information. Eventually their openness to learning allows them to process tasks they weren't capable of in elementary school. Conversely, a student with a closed mind and not open to learning will have difficulty and may be incapable of functioning beyond a certain educational level. The same is true of Telecommunication Systems! At **TasTec Inc.**, we've recognized that closed proprietary based Telecommunication Systems will never be capable of offering increased functionality from the first day they are installed. Purchasing these systems ensures obsolescence and a wasted communications investment should you ever need to adapt new functionality or technology into your call processing solution.

PC and Microsoft Windows based and designed to open industry standards, the **ICS** (Integrated Communication Server) is designed to deliver unparalleled flexibility and scalability to the teaching community. The manufacturer of the **ICS** (VoiceGate), has over 27 years experience as a provider of telephone equipment and voice-processing systems to telecommunication carriers, business, industry, schools, and government. Capable of accepting new technologies and functionality as needed, VoiceGate's award winning Voice Processing Systems are the clear choice for School Boards in need of basic, affordable, functionality – today, but have the foresight to plan for advanced capabilities in the future.

**TasTec Inc.** specializes in making new and existing legacy infrastructures more intelligent, by bringing you solutions that best fit your requirements, so you don't have to; forklift equipment, take a loss on past investments or abandon plans for acquiring mission critical applications.



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