

Virtual Learning for All Ages

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What is KYVS?

- Kentucky Virtual Schools – www.kyvs.org
 - KVHS – Kentucky Virtual High School
 - e-Learning Kentucky – PD, Training & Communities

Adult Learners: Professional Development

- eLearning KY online PD courses are
 - accessible anywhere, anytime, anyplace via an Internet-connected computer
 - providing opportunities to learn and share best practices and resources
 - eligible for up to 24 hours EILA or PD credit

What to expect

- 1 + 6 week course
 - Orientation week
 - Six week-long sessions of content
 - Overview
 - Readings
 - Assignments
 - Discussion Boards
- Course catalog – www.kyvs.org (Click on e-Learning KY tab at top)

Secondary Learners: Building Community

- Academy of Information Technology @ Bryan Station High School
 - 35 students – across grade levels
 - 2 teachers + 1 director
- Problem: Little opportunity for whole group interaction and director – student interaction

IT Academy Student Forum

- Solution: An online environment that allows the director and students to interact by:
 - posting announcements
 - maintaining a calendar
 - working with groups of students of specific projects
 - soliciting student feedback via the discussion board

Benefits of the Online Community

- Gives the students direct access to the director of the program – a way to feel connected
- Allows students to interact with each other, even if they don't have class together
- Provides a common space for announcements, calendar, etc
- Is a secure environment
- Allows for anytime access from home or school

Primary Learners: Online Classroom

- Third grade classroom at Garden Springs Elementary School
 - 22 students + 1 classroom teacher
 - Wireless lab access
 - Computer lab access
 - Home access

- Problems
 - A number of students have internet access at home but did not login in regularly to complete assignments.
 - Shortage of in school time with students enrolled in online class.

Online Classroom

- Possible Solutions:
 - Write specific directions for parents and students to use when logging in at home.
 - Make the assignments required allowing students without internet access class time to complete assignments.
 - Allow students to complete more assignments in the computer lab now that they are more proficient with using Blackboard.

Benefits to the online classroom

- Teacher Benefits
 - Ease of grading assignments from anywhere at anytime
 - No more excuses about losing assignments
- Student Benefits
 - Enhance technology skills
 - Complete assignments from home, school or while on vacation.
 - Students learn the ins and out's on an online learning environment.

Review Burch Math and Social Studies

- Announcements
- Discussion Boards
- Assignments
- Surveys
- Voice boards
- Graded assignments
- Gradebook

Other Opportunities

- Moodle - <http://moodle.com/>
 - An open source alternative to BlackBoard
 - Currently being used in several districts including Fayette, Clark and Woodford
- iSchool - <http://ischool.fcps.net/>
 - A Fayette County Public Schools initiative to encourage blended learning, online communities and professional development.

iSchool - Courses you can review:

- iSchool Support
 - FAQ's, Documents, How-To's...
- Professional Development
 - Intro to Office 2007
 - Login as a guest – Enrolment Key: necc
- Garden Springs
 - Social Studies – Jamie Burch
 - Login as a guest – Enrolment Key: necc
- Bryan Station High School/Training
 - Training Course – Amy Johns
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