

SUBJECT LINE: Online Courses Through eLearn Ohio

Is your district concerned about losing students and funds to the many educational choice options available in Ohio? Is your menu of services as responsive as it should be to the emerging needs and 21st century skills of today's students? Would your district like to take advantage of the benefits that on-line learning options offer students?

Many Information Technology Centers (ITCs) and Educational Service Centers (ESCs) throughout Ohio are collaborating to make more cost effective quality online learning options available to all Ohio districts and students at an affordable price through negotiated agreements with vendors. Through the **eLearn Ohio** initiative districts such as yours can take advantage of the many benefits that on-line learning offer.

Please consider these Fall 2010 options. ALSO, now is the time to prepare for the scheduling process for the 2011/12 school year. Contact Melissa or Jim (contact information below) with the MCOECN for more information on how to get courses started at your school through your local ESC or ITC.

Additionally, don't miss out on the great options brought to you through the OhioLearns! Gateway. Through special one-time funding provided through the generosity of Governor Strickland, the General Assembly and eTech Ohio, students will have an opportunity to apply for fee waivers to be used for the Advanced Placement courses taken through the Gateway. Look for more information at their web address at <http://olq.ohiolearns.org>.

eLearn Ohio Fall 2010 Options

A+

A+ is a courseware program that provides core curriculum content and also assessment tools to match skill levels of students. Aligned to state standards and delivered through the Internet, A+ courseware has 4 components:

- Assess: Which identifies students levels, skills and deficiencies.
- Prescribe: Automatically prescribes where the students should start. Aligned to state standards. These courses are heavily used for Credit Recovery.
- Instruct: Research-based direct instruction model
- Report: Benchmark reporting. Ongoing assessment and post-testing.

For more information on credit recovery options and a list of courses go to:

http://www.amered.com/sol_crb_products.php

The fee for these courses is \$600 per license which can be used by a different student each period of the day. Thus, if a school has a 7 period day, 7 students could log on to take the A+ classes during the day for each license an ESC or district purchases. In addition, the cost of professional development, which would be provided by the American Education Corporation staff, is \$100 for a one-day session per person. These courses are hosted at the NOACSC ITC.

Aventa

Aventa Learning partners with schools and districts to offer standards-based online courses to middle and high school students. Their online curriculum includes **core, elective, foreign language, advanced placement, and credit recovery courses** for grades 6 – 12.* Aventa courses use scaffolding complexity and include multimedia. Courses are developed by licensed teachers with at least three years of classroom teaching experience and continuously revised as standards, educational methods and technologies change over time.

License fees per student/per course

- Core/World languages/Electives are available for \$89 a license if locally hosted and using local teachers, and \$299 a course if Aventa hosts and provides the instructor.
- AP courses are available for \$99 a license if locally hosted and use local teachers and \$329 if Aventa does the hosting and provides the instructor.
- Credit Recovery courses can be purchased per seat for \$69 if locally hosted using your own LMS.

*Course listings

- For a listing of HS courses available <http://aventalearning.com/aventa-courses/high-school-catalog>
- For a listing of MS courses available <http://aventalearning.com/aventa-courses/middle-school-catalog>
- For a listing of credit recovery courses <http://aventalearning.com/aventa-courses/credit-recovery-catalog>

Florida Virtual

Florida Virtual School (FLVS) has been a leader in online learning since 1997 in developing and delivering virtual K-12 education solutions to students all over Florida, all 50 states in the U.S. and throughout the world. They were the country's first, state-wide Internet-based public high school and currently serve over 200,000 students in Florida alone.

SPARCC through eLearn Ohio, is offering schools access to their 43 FLVS courses, **including 3 AP courses, AP Calculus; AP Biology; and AP English Literature** for \$300. This cost includes the cost of the teacher, the student license, and the hosting on BrainHoney, SPARCC's Course Management System.* If the district wanted to use their own teacher the fee would be \$150, in addition to \$100 plus expenses for the professional development for the teacher.

* For a complete list of the Florida Virtual Courses available go to <http://web.sparcc.org/index.php?page=florida-virtual>

Learning Springs

The Aurora Learning System offers over 100 online courses (listed at <http://www.mctsg.com/docs/lscat.pdf>) for grades 4-12, hosted by the company. Each one-year course contains 36 lessons, with a 3-4 hour workload per lesson (totaling approximately 144 class hours). A single semester course contains 18 lessons. Courses are sold on a per-student license basis.

License Pricing for 1 Calendar Year

- Full student license: \$130 which gives access for one student to take an unlimited number of online courses and assessments over a calendar year period. Great option for at-risk students because they can take as many courses as they can complete.
- Single Course License: \$65 which gives one student access to one online course and unlimited assessments until the course is finished.
- LearningSprings offers a teacher for each course for an additional \$180 per semester, with each semester composed of 18 lessons.
- There is also setup pricing of \$1,950, which we can share between the participating districts which purchase through the MCOECN. LearningSprings charges this fee per district, but through eLearn Ohio, participating districts can share in the cost.

OdysseyWare

OdysseyWare provides fully web-based curriculum for 3rd-12th grade core courses and electives that correlate with state standards and are based on proven instructional strategies. *Also, teachers can customize all lessons, assignments, tests and quizzes to differentiate instruction, address learning gaps, and provide remedial work.

License costs for a minimum of 5 annual licenses per district are \$1000 each. There could be price breaks as the numbers of licenses sold to the consortium increases. The benefit of participating in eLearn Ohio's statewide program is that the face-to-face training and set up costs of \$2900 per district for up to 12 people or \$1495 per district for web-based training for up to 10 people will be shared through ESC's. Thus participating districts will realize considerable savings for the necessary professional development and set-up.

*To see a listing of OdysseyWare courses available go to <http://www.odysseyware.com/products/courses/>

Rosetta Stone Foreign Language Courses

Rosetta Stone language-learning software using the immersive learning environment method for 31 languages from Spanish to Arabic and Mandarin Chinese. * Many schools are using it for

flexible credit and ESL/ELL students. The Rosetta Stone materials are also used by the U.S. Army, NASA and many corporations.

- \$89 per user per year for as many courses as the user wants to take.
- To Purchase contact MC-TSG
- Training \$2100 each all day session for ITC and ESC teams, or \$520 for an online session
- Additional costs for foreign language supplemental materials, \$150 per ESC or ITC. Materials come on CD and can be duplicated and printed.
- In addition Rosetta Stone has placement curriculum tests for an additional fee of \$10.
- These reviews can be used to determine what students know and where they should be placed.

*For a complete list of the languages available go to <http://www.rosettastone.com/schools/languages>

Orders for Rosetta Stone licenses will be placed throughout the fall. Orders will be accepted for the months of September 2010, October 2010, January 2011, and March 2011. The deadline for Rosetta Stone implementation is 10 days before the first day of the next eligible month. Purchase order numbers must be submitted to ensure use of the licenses.

To Purchase: Please contact Melissa Higgs-Horwell, phone (740)352-6820, or email horwell@mcoecn.org; or Jim Vincent, phone (330)445-2267, or email Jim.vincent@email.sparcc.org for customized assistance. We will help you figure out what type of courseware licenses you might need and will help you plan and schedule the necessary professional development.

P.O.s: ITC's and ESC's must send purchase orders to the **mc•tsg**.

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