

What is OVEC?

The Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC) is a consortium of 14 school districts serving over 50,000 students in north central Kentucky. Established in 1976, the cooperative provides a vehicle for conducting regional planning, development, and implementation of educational programs on a continuing basis. OVEC offers programs that serve member school districts, their student populations and families.

What is OVEC 's mission?

The mission of the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative is to provide high quality services and programs that support, empower and build capacity in school learning communities, thereby benefiting children, families and the community in their roles to ensure that students achieve their highest academic, social and emotional potential.

How is OVEC funded and administered?

OVEC operates through the membership fees of participating districts and through federal, state, local, and foundation funding, with an annual budget of \$8.8 million. Excluding staff hired through arrangement with other agencies, OVEC employs approximately 125 people, most of whom are field based.

The 14 superintendents of member districts serve on the Board of Directors, the policy-making body of the cooperative. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for overseeing all programs and services.

What services does OVEC provide?

- Professional development for teachers, administrators, and support staff
- Coordinated regional bidding
- Instructional support services
- Multi-district grant coordination
- Consultation and technical assistance
- Consultation with superintendents on personnel, finance, and other issues
- Special reports and publications

Who does OVEC serve?

OVEC programs serve students from preschool through grade twelve. Adult populations are also served through some programs. OVEC works in partnership with, and for the benefit of, its member districts, their schools, and the children, families, and communities they serve.

What linkages does OVEC maintain?

OVEC collaborates with the Kentucky Department of Education, the Collaborative for Teaching and Learning, other educational cooperatives, and a wide variety of other organizations and agencies to promote understanding and to provide mutual benefit. OVEC also has strong linkages with the University of Louisville, including involvement with the P-16 Council. OVEC is a member of the American Association of Educational Service Agencies and the Kentucky Association of Educational Cooperatives.

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**Supporting Excellence in Education
Through Regional Coordination**



What programs and services does OVEC provide?



INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

■ **SBDM TRAINING**

Training provided for new and experienced school council members.

■ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Summer Leadership Institute providing professional development for administrative personnel in the OVEC districts. Other leadership professional development opportunities to fulfill EILA requirements or requirements for state trainings.

■ **DISTRICT SUPPORT**

Customized support by the OVEC District Support Team to meet the individual needs of each school district, including support to Tier districts, KTIP/TPA training, Teacher Leadership, Literacy Academy, Leadership Development, Scholastic Reviews, content area networks, and RTI training.

■ **NETWORK GROUPS**

Facilitation of a wide variety of network groups for sharing information and discussing common issues and concerns, including network groups for curriculum supervisors, principals, alternative school directors, instructional coaches, teachers of specific content areas, special education directors, psychologists, personnel directors, and finance officers.

■ **EARLY LITERACY SPECIALISTS**

Literacy Resource Specialists provide ongoing, embedded professional development in literacy for K-5 teachers.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES (Continued)

■ **READ TO ACHIEVE**

Project to provide direct assistance to primary-level struggling readers.

■ **TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY**

Three projects to strengthen teachers' content knowledge and teaching strategies in American history.

■ **I-CLASSES**

Online course offerings for middle and high school students.

■ **SPECIAL INITIATIVES**

Support for teachers and schools in the areas of National Board Certification, University Based Alternate Certification, and the Continuing Ed Option.

■ **CONSULTANTS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND BEHAVIOR**

Reading First and research-based materials and professional development on literacy K-12 for all educators and across content areas. District and school-wide universal strategies for providing positive behavioral supports, improving climate and culture, and targeting intensive behavior issues. Curriculum, assessment, and instructional strategies support for all educators in closing the achievement gap.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

■ **EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN SERVICES**

Program that provides technical assistance, professional development, and support in behavioral, instructional, and special education issues for general and special education teachers.

FAMILY/COMMUNITY SERVICES

■ **KYPIRC**

Parent Information and Resource Centers to provide support for parents to be effectively involved in their children's education.

■ **GED TESTING**

OVEC is an official Kentucky GED Test Center, with additional addendum test sites located throughout the region to provide easy access to the GED test.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

■ **HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START FULL-DAY, FULL-YEAR**

Full-day, full-year Head Start and Early Head Start preschool programs that serve economically disadvantaged three- and four-year-olds, infants and toddlers, and pregnant women.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS (Continued)

■ **HEAD START CENTER-BASED**

Center-based Head Start program that serves economically disadvantaged three- and four-year-olds.

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

■ **SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE NUTRITION**

Program to evaluate the nutritional quality of school meals in accordance with federal regulations.

■ **ONLINE BIDDING/PURCHASING**

Program to streamline districts' bidding and purchasing through eSchoolMall.

■ **GRANTS DEVELOPMENT**

Development of grant proposals that serve multiple school districts to fund a wide variety of projects that benefit member districts.

■ **TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT**

Recruitment of teachers through job fairs and other efforts, often in conjunction with UofL. Support for FEA clubs. Coordinating student teacher placement and field experience placement through UofL.