

What is OVEC?

The Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC) is a consortium of 13 school districts serving over 51,500 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 Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative provides high quality services and programs that support, empower and build capacity in school learning communities, to ensure that students achieve college/career readiness.

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 \$10.1 million. Excluding staff hired through arrangement with other agencies, OVEC employs approximately 125 people, most of whom are field based.

The 13 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/district support services
- Multi-district grant coordination
- Consultation and technical assistance
- Consultation with superintendents on personnel, finance, and other issues
- Partnership with KDE on content and leadership networks
- Special reports and publications

Who does OVEC serve?

OVEC programs serve students from birth through grade 12. Adult populations are also served through some programs. OVEC works in partnership with, and for the benefit of, its member districts, 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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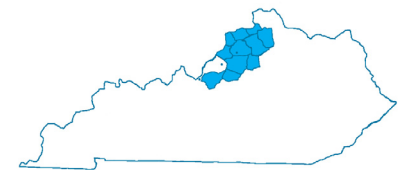
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**Supporting Excellence in Education
Through Regional Coordination**



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 district, including support for Tier districts, KTIP/TPA training, National Board Certification, University Based Alternate Certification, Teacher Leadership, Literacy, Leadership Development, content area networks, RTI training, Math Academy, and Thinking Strategies.

■ 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, guidance counselors, special education directors, psychologists, personnel directors, and finance officers.

■ LITERACY AND MATH SPECIALISTS

Literacy and Math Specialists provide ongoing, embedded professional development for teachers.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

■ READ TO ACHIEVE

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

■ TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY

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

■ I-CLASSES

Online course offerings for middle and high school students.

■ PROJECT CATALYST

Project to support professional development and collaboration for school and public library media specialists.

■ PROJECT BALANCE

Project to assist four OVEC elementary schools in improving their physical education programs and school nutrition services.

■ CONSULTANTS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND BEHAVIOR

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.

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.

■ HEAD START CENTER-BASED

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

FAMILY/COMMUNITY SERVICES

■ 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.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

■ 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.



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. Coordinating student teacher placement and field experience placement through UofL.

