What is OVEC?

The Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC) is a consortium of 13 school districts serving 57,000 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?

Provide professional learning, advocacy, and service that support, lead and inspire.

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 $10.9 million. Excluding staff hired through arrangement with other agencies, OVEC employs approximately 200 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.

Whom does OVEC serve?

OVEC programs serve students from birth through grade 12. 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, educational cooperatives, and a wide variety of other organizations and agencies to promote understanding and to provide mutual benefit in Kentucky and across the nation. 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.

How is OVEC receiving national recognition?

- ***Kentucky Leads the Nation***
  Kentucky Leads the Nation is an OVEC-initiated partnership of all of Kentucky's educational cooperatives and the Kentucky Department of Education to inspire innovative thinking that will lead the nation in education reform. *Kentucky Leads the Nation* models innovation, educates policy makers, changes culture, develops leaders, and facilitates collaboration.

- ***kid-FRIENDLy: Race to the Top-District***
  GRREC and OVEC are partners on a $41 million grant from the US Department of Education for kid-FRIENDLy (Kids Focused, Responsible, Imaginative, Engaged and Determined to Learn). The project's four pillars are students as leaders, leaders developing leadership, competency-based teaching, and personalized learning for all students. It is the largest Race to the Top-District grant awarded to date, and the 22 Kentucky school districts in the project represent over 40 percent of the total number of districts that won awards. The project serves 30 schools in 6 OVEC districts and is one of the few rural applications to receive funding for the Race to the Top-District competition.

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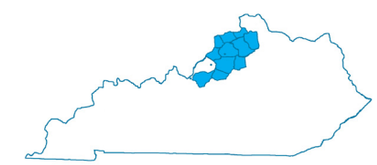

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What programs and services does OVEC provide?

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Leadership Institute providing professional development for administrative personnel in the OVEC districts. Leadership professional development opportunities offered 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 KTIP training, Project Based Learning or Personalized Learning, Teacher Leadership, Literacy, Leadership Development, content area networks, RTI training, Thinking Strategies, and Blended Learning.

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, gifted and talented staff, special education directors, psychologists, personnel directors, finance officers, media specialists, technology directors, and reading specialists.

PGES
Partnership with KDE to provide support to the districts as they move forward to implement the new Professional Growth Effectiveness System (PGES) for teachers and principals.

PROJECT SHAPE
School Health and Physical Education Network in collaboration with KDE to provide a comprehensive approach to promote healthy schools.

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KID-FRIENDLY
Project that works in communities to get kids ready for kindergarten, to equip students with the life skills needed to succeed, to guide each child along successful pathways to college and careers, to offer students the chance to learn anywhere/anytime and earn credits for unique learning experiences, and to allow students to advance when they master standards instead of by age or traditional grades.

CONSULTANTS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIES
Research-based materials and professional learning on literacy and math K-12 for all educators and across content areas including students with moderate and severe disabilities. Training in positive behavior supports at the district and school level to improve the culture and climate that will result in setting the conditions for learning. Coaching and conferencing of professional learning provided along with data collection and analysis. Curriculum, assessment, and instructional strategies to implement the delivery plans from KDE in the areas of Proficiency, Gap Closure, and College and Career Readiness.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT
Professional learning for staff on digital learning provided through the networks and other professional development.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN SERVICES
Program that provides technical assistance, professional learning, and support in behavioral, instructional, and special education issues in an integrated service delivery with general education and special education teachers.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START
Birth to five comprehensive school readiness programs focusing on enhancing child development, strengthening families and integrating health services (well-child examinations, dental and emotional well-being). The varied program options available primarily serve the economically disadvantaged and other high-risk populations.

EHS CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
A partnership between the Office of Child Care and Early Head Start to provide EHS services to children birth to three whose families utilize or are potentially eligible for the child care assistance program in designated child care parter sites in an effort to impact a broader base of child and family outcomes while improving quality in the child cares.

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING, CONSULTATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Professional learning, consultation, and technical assistance for teachers, administrators, and support staff. Consultation with superintendents on personnel, finance, and other issues.

iLEAD ACADEMY
OVEC secured $250,000 in state funds to support planning for Kentucky's first regional Career Academy and led the work to create the school with the OVEC superintendents from Carroll, Gallatin, Henry, Owen, and Trimble Counties. iLEAD Academy prepares students for the highest-growth, highest-paying careers in the OVEC region--engineering, technology, and advanced manufacturing. Together OVEC and iLEAD district leaders created a model for collaboration that can be replicated across the state and nation.

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

EDUCATION ADVOCACY
Education advocacy facilitation with KASA, KSBA, and KASS through 3KT.

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.

BIDDING/PURCHASING
Program to streamline bidding and purchasing for food service.

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

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

OVEC FACILITY SERVICES
Support to member districts regarding school facility endeavors, including, but not limited to, leadership training and support, capital construction finance, long-range planning, design and construction, land acquisition, property disposal, facility leases, easement, and energy conservation.

FINANCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM
Financial services to Kentucky public school districts on a contract basis by consultants Robert Wagoner and Robert Arvin.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS
Reports such as the OVEC Annual Report, OVEC Services Report, and monthly Board Reports.