

What is OVEC?

The Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC) is a consortium of 15 school districts serving 155,000 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 \$16.8 million. Excluding staff hired through arrangement with other agencies, OVEC employs approximately 230 people, most of whom are field based.

The 15 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.



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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.

One additional linkage deserves highlighting:

■ iLEAD Academy

iLEAD Academy, the regional Career Academy OVEC developed with five of its member districts, is the model that earned Kentucky one of 10 New Skills for Youth grants awarded to states by J.P. Morgan Chase. The 10 winning states demonstrated the strongest plans to work across sectors to transform how they design and develop career preparedness education programs and provide young people with the skills they need to compete for high-skill, well-paying jobs. The Council of Chief State School Officers, Chambers of Commerce, Workforce Investment Boards, and educators from across the nation are looking to iLEAD for inspiration in career preparation, enabling students to earn an Associate's Degree while in high school, Competency Based Education, and Blended Learning.



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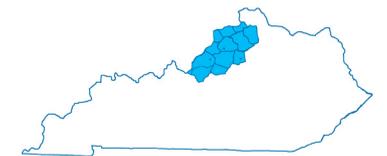
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What programs and services does OVEC provide?



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 our member districts, including support for new teacher induction, Personalized Learning, Competency Based Education, Teacher Leadership, Math and Literacy, Leadership Development, Multi-Tiered Support Systems, Implementation Science, Thinking Strategies, Summit Learning and Digital Learning.
- NETWORK ROLE 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, school nutrition directors, technology directors, and reading specialists.
- HIQ/HIQ2 MATH PROJECTS**
HiQ Math Project for middle school math teachers, instructional coaches and administrators provides professional learning to improve students' mathematical understanding (Conceptual Building Blocks) and increase student engagement (Project Based Learning). HiQ2 Math Project provides coaching and professional learning for school administrators and instructional coaches to build capacity within schools and districts to support continued improvement in mathematics instruction and student learning. The continuation of this project will be to support math cadres for both elementary and middle/high school teacher leaders.
- TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT**
Supporting school personnel to align their technology needs with their district goals through network and other professional development.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

- PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIC EDUCATION BUSINESS COALITION (PEBC)**
More than 9 years ago OVEC and the Public Education and Business Coalition (PEBC) began an incredible partnership to bring their work from Denver to the OVEC region! The partnership began with OVEC and Oldham County Schools to bring the Thinking Strategies Institute to Kentucky. Over the years, the partnership for this institute has expanded to include Shelby County and Franklin County districts. In addition to the TSI, OVEC teams with PEBC to provide professional learning with the "Workshop Model" strategy, including how to support leaders to build capacity with the work. All of this collaboration with OVEC and PEBC is open to all of Kentucky!
- 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.

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.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

- OVR PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES**
Provides services to students with disabilities ages 14-21, in the areas of job exploration, work-based learning experiences, post-secondary educational opportunities, work place readiness and self-advocacy skills.

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. 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 3 whose families utilize or are potentially eligible for the child care assistance program in designated child care partner sites in an effort to impact a broader base of child and family outcomes while improving quality in the child care centers.

OTHER DISTRICT SUPPORTS

- 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 superintendents of Carroll, Gallatin, Henry, Owen, and Trimble Counties. iLEAD prepares students for the highest-growth, highest-wage careers in Kentucky's Golden Triangle region--in engineering, technology, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing. The Kentucky Department of Education will use a New Skills for Youth grant from J.P. Morgan Chase to replicate the iLEAD approach to career preparation across the Commonwealth.

OTHER DISTRICT SUPPORTS

- PROFESSIONAL LEARNING/CONSULTATION**
Professional learning, consultation, and technical assistance for teachers, administrators, and support staff. Consultation with superintendents on personnel, finance, and other issues.
- EDUCATION ADVOCACY**
Education advocacy facilitation with KASA, KSBA, and KASS through 3KT.
- TEACHER RECRUITMENT**
Recruitment of teachers through job fairs, college class visits, and other efforts, often in conjunction with UofL and other colleges.
- 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**
Evaluation of the nutritional quality of school products, recipes and menus to achieve compliance with federal and state regulations.
- OVEC FACILITY SERVICES**
Support to 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.
- SPECIAL REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS**
Reports such as the OVEC Annual Report, OVEC Services Report, and monthly Board Reports.