

MSOC LEA Member Profile

Part II: Synopsis of MSOC Participation

Background:

- Somerset County joined the consortium in its first year to learn more about student online courses.
- During the second year the Procedures and Guidelines were approved and students began taking online courses.

Benefits and Impact:

- Somerset County has definitely benefited from being a part of the consortium group. It has allowed us to learn from other systems experiences, both good and bad.
- Offering Online courses has had a significant impact on course offerings in our county. It has allowed us to expand the number of AP courses offered as well as providing a way to continue to offer low enrollment courses.

Implementation Issues:

- Finding the best location for students to work on online courses was an issue the first year.
- The screening process for students wanting to take online courses is an issue with our guidance counselors.

Lessons Learned:

- Being part of a consortium group has been very beneficial.
- We need to do a better job of recruiting students to take online courses.
- The instructional division needs to be more involved.

Next Steps:

- Present data on the project to our Superintendent to ensure support at that level.
- Set up meetings with each high school administration and guidance departments to review the procedures for enrolling students in online courses.