

MSOC LEA Member Profile

Part II: Synopsis of MSOC Participation

Background:

- First year of participation in MSOC project
- Drafted its policies and procedures this year

Benefits and Impact:

- Using MSOC member procedures and guidelines as background material to draft WCPS policies and procedures
- Learning from other MSOC members who have been doing online learning for a longer time

Implementation Issues:

- Need to produce a brochure outlining available online courses to be distributed prior to Fall 2005
- Planning for a sustainable way to offer online courses after MSOC grant is over
- Educating teachers that mentoring is different from teaching a class online; matching up appropriate mentors to online courses

Lessons Learned:

- Available benefits from project are too small to attract non-public participation

Next Steps:

- Hoping to publish the brochure in April in order to see what kind of interest may be generated.
- Getting teachers interested in becoming mentors