

Knovation Honors Districts for Outstanding Usage of Online Learning Resources

Digital Learning Award winners include Harlan County Schools

Cincinnati, OH – The Harlan County School District is ranked in the top 100 among districts across the nation and third in the Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative for utilization of online resources for students. The district is being honored with a Digital Learning Award, from Knovation, a Cincinnati based company providing online educational resources for teachers and students.

To recognize the top 100 districts using the Knovation Content, [Knovation](#) announced the recipients of its 2015 Digital Learning Awards. The program honors districts across the U.S. that use netTrekker or icurio to find, organize and share hundreds of thousands of standards-aligned resources that are professionally evaluated, tagged and maintained, ensuring students truly benefit from their digital shift.

“The Digital Learning Awards honor school districts that are leading high-level implementation of digital resources,” said Randy Wilhelm, CEO of Knovation. “We recognize the outstanding use of online learning resources in these schools as an advancement of personalized learning for each and every student.”

As educators continue to recognize the value of free online resources to enrich learning, the Department of Education supports this significant shift with the appointment of an OER Advisor and the launch of a campaign to encourage states, school districts and educators to use openly licensed online educational materials. Knovation makes it incredibly simple to find, organize and share free online resources as they become an essential piece of equal learning opportunities.

Harlan County Schools Superintendent Mike Howard said he was excited to hear that the district’s staff and students are utilizing the online resources extensively. He said this is another benefit to the Harlan County District provided through the Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative as a result of the Appalachian Renaissance Initiative. “KVEC, with the ARI federal grant, has really helped move our district forward in technology in many ways. This online resource will certainly enhance the way students learn.”

Harlan County ranks 42nd on the list which includes districts with small to very large enrollments, said Howard.

“Teachers and administrators don’t have to worry about where the kids will go or what they will find when utilizing these online resources,” said Howard. “That takes a big burden off teachers. Almost all of our teachers have been trained and are now utilizing the resources. I thank them for using it and exposing the students to this tremendous resource. It does so much more than just provide information on a topic. It will edit a document, provide language options, videos, and so much more. It has 360,000 plus educator –curated, standards aligned open educational resources. Teachers can borrow and share lesson plans on almost any topic you can think of and are grade appropriate and standard aligned to Kentucky standards.

“All students and teachers in the Harlan County district have a personal Icurio account that can be used on any internet ready computer. This allows students to conduct research and continue their studies outside the classroom and places many additional resources at their fingertips,” said Brent Roark, assistant superintendent.

According to the press release provided by Knovation, awards are presented to small-, medium- and large-sized districts based on their usage of the Knovation Content Collection via netTrekker or Icurio during the 2014-2015 school year.

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Large-Sized Districts (more than 25,000 student enrollment)

1. Baldwin County School District, Bay Minette, Alabama (icurio)
2. Cabarrus County School District, Concord, North Carolina (icurio)
3. Wake County School District, Cary, North Carolina (netTrekker)

Mid-Sized Districts (5,000-25,000 student enrollment)

4. Mooresville Graded School District, Mooresville, North Carolina (icurio)
5. Alhambra Elementary School District 68, Phoenix, Arizona (netTrekker)
6. Coppell Independent School District, Coppell, Texas (netTrekker)

Small-Sized Districts (less than 5,000 student enrollment)

7. Community Consolidated School District 93, Bloomingdale, Illinois (icurio)
8. Corinth School District, Corinth, Mississippi (icurio)
9. Ross Local School District, Hamilton, Ohio (icurio)

To see the complete list of the top 100 districts, visit <http://www.knovationlearning.com/digital-learning-award/2015>.