



Partners in Learning - Free Resources

The U.S. Partners in Learning initiative provides Microsoft, states, and local school districts and universities the opportunity to work alongside one another to develop tools and resources that are relevant in today’s educational environment. As a result of five years of working together, Microsoft is able to provide these resources to any state, district, or college interested in implementing. **To use these resources please click on the link provided or contact a U.S. PIL team member.**

Challenge/Topic	Type of Asset	Partners in Learning (PIL) Asset	Key Elements
Demonstrate the Microsoft Commitment to Education	In person conference	MS Institutes http://www.microsoft.com/education/us/pil/institute/overview.aspx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant to K-20 administrators.. - During the 3 days – Microsoft speakers will introduce them to PiL assets and MSFT technologies. - Network with peers from across the U.S.
Holistic School Reform	Downloadable resources	School of the Future Resources http://www.microsoft.com/Education/SchoolofFutureDownloads.mspix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant to K-12 administrators and teachers. - Learn about the history and process behind building the School of the Future by downloading resources which provide fast facts, discovery briefs, planning documents, vision document, learning spaces matrix, professional development and hiring video and more.
Helping Students Understand the Connection Between Academics and Career Plans	Online Course	Career Forward http://nroc.careerforward.org/careerforward/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant to students grades 8-20. - Covers globalization, career planning, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship. - Course can be a standalone curriculum OR as part of an existing face-to-face course in career planning, business, or global studies. - Approximately 20 hours.
Digital Literacy Skills	Online Course	Digital Literacy Curriculum http://www.microsoft.com/about/corporatecitizenship/citizenship/giving/programs/up/digitalliteracy/default.mspix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant to all individuals – students and adults. - Teach and assess basic computer concepts and skills. - Completers receive Microsoft Certificate. - Self-paced.
Understand Intellectual Property Rights	Online Course	Digital Citizenship and Creative Content http://www.digitalcitizenshiped.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant to all individuals – students and adults. - Create an awareness of the rights connected with creative content. - Prepare students to become a good digital citizen. - Self-paced.

Decrease Costs by Scaling Successful Teaching and Learning Practice	Online Tool	Scale Framework http://www.microsoft.com/education/demos/scale/index.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant to K-20 administrators. - This online tutorial offers your customers a framework to help them think deeply about what it takes to expand an effective program. - This planning tool walks through the process of scaling an existing program across, schools, districts, and even states.
Strategic Planning Design and Implementation Model	Online Tool	6i Process http://www.microsoft.com/education/pil/ISc_6iDevProcess.aspx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant to K-20 administrators. - Tested tool that will help plan for program implementation and adoption whether it is IT upgrades and management or district/department in a growth phase where new construction or renovations are needed.
Save Money on Hiring, Training, and Professional Development	Online Tool	Education Competency Wheel http://www.microsoft.com/education/competencies/default.aspx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant to K-20 administrators and teachers. - The competencies represent many of the attributes, behaviors, areas of knowledge, skills, and abilities required for successful job performance. - Each Education Competency includes a definition, four levels of proficiency, sample interview questions, activities and resources to develop skills, and examples of overdoing the competency.
Educator Collaboration – Community Site	Online Tool	Innovative Teachers Network http://www.innovativeteachers.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant to K-12 teachers. - Teachers can connect with others on topics relevant to them – anytime, anywhere. - While on the site, teachers can learn about the annual Innovative Teachers Forum hosted by Microsoft.
Statewide Portal Providing Data at Teacher’s Fingertips	Online Tool	Sunshine Connections http://www.microsoft.com/education/sunshineconnections/default.aspx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant to K-12 administrators and teachers. - Provides teachers with student achievement data presented through browser-based dashboard. - Helps teachers make data-driven instruction decisions.
Partnering to Increase Funding and Join Business and Education Expertise to Tackle Challenges Together	White Paper and Executive Summary	Establishing Public/Private Partnerships http://www.microsoft.com/education/public.aspx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant to policy makers and administrators. - In these tight economic times, no single organization can support all the needs of education funding. - Paper includes 3 questions that serve as checkpoints in evaluating the feasibility and efficiency of public/private partnerships and a <i>How-To Guide for School-Business Partnerships</i>.

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