



KENTUCKY INNOVATIVE LEARNING NETWORK

The KY ILN is a partnership between local school districts and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to provide a space for sharing innovative educational strategies with the goal of creating a system of learner-centered, collaborative, equitable, and authentic learning opportunities.

Learn more about Kentucky's leading network for educational innovators

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What are the benefits of joining the KY ILN?



KDE believes that the greatest benefit of participation in the KY ILN is the chance to network with other Kentucky districts, as well as schools and organizations outside of the state, to share best practices and learning. In addition, KDE commits to the KY ILN districts by providing:

- Ongoing technical assistance, supports, and continued coordination from KDE and its partners
- Support for the identification, evaluation, and dissemination of best practices to KY ILN districts and more broadly
- A platform to showcase educational innovation already happening within Kentucky schools
- Access to national educational partners and their resources; for example, Gallup Education and Clifton Strengths for Students
- Access to sources of funding to support implementation of learner-centered, equitable, collaborative, authentic learning experiences; for example, the Travel Fund Grant (available only to KY ILN participating districts) facilitates out of state travel to visit exemplar school models



What are the expectations for members?



Participating districts indicate a commitment to the work of the KY ILN, which can be demonstrated by:

- Making an effort to have representatives attend monthly video calls and discuss topics of interest
- Making an effort to send representatives to in-person events
- Being available to other local districts as a resource
- Participating in other KY ILN initiatives as opportunities arise; this may include participating in work groups, contributing to educational research efforts, or other projects

I'm interested! How can my district join the KY ILN?



Districts who are interested in establishing a collaborative partnership through the ILN should email Sarah Snipes, KDE's Kentucky Innovative Learning Network Program Consultant (Sarah.Snipes@education.ky.gov). A district leader will need to serve as an ILN point of contact.

Based upon previous participation in innovative initiatives or expressed interest, the KY Innovative Learning Network will reach out to your district with a personalized invitation.

All districts interested in joining the KY ILN will complete a Letter of Commitment for the academic year. By submitting this document to KDE, districts commit to participation in the network upon approval.

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