

Serving Schools in Today's Technology



The MEC ITC is proud to provide quality and cost-efficient IT solutions for Ohio's schools.

OnBase Document Storage and Retrieval

The MEC ITC offers the OnBase system to participating school districts. OnBase is a fully integrated Enterprise Content Management (ECM) system that allows users to store, retrieve, route, manage, share and archive vital information from the volumes of paper documents stored in rooms and filing cabinets -- information that is critical to school district operations, audits and customer service -- all in a cost effective manner.

Professional development

The MEC offers a variety of training classes and workshops designed to meet the needs of our customers and help teachers and administrative staff integrate technology into learning. We also partner with organizations like CIM Technology to offer training on cutting-edge classroom technology such as GradeCam, Livescribe Smartpen, eInstruction, Interwrite Mobi, Workspace and Examview Assessment Suite, and with Apple, Inc. for training on emerging technologies such as iPad, iPod and iPhone applications for the classroom.

Cooperative purchasing

In cooperation with our National affiliate AEPA (Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies) MEC offers discounts on a variety of technology products, audio-visual equipment and library supplies. These technology vendor contracts have been nationally awarded through a competitive bidding process in a 23 state region and offer the lowest pricing available in Ohio.

The MEC ITC is a member of the Ohio Education Computer Network which provides services to all Ohio public schools.



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About the MEC ITC

The MEC ITC is one of 23 Information Technology Centers licensed by the Ohio Department of Education to provide technology services to Ohio school districts.

Our goal is to provide innovative, customer-focused, cost-effective information technology (IT) solutions to Ohio schools and related educational organizations. Our customers include public schools, community schools, parochial and private schools, educational service centers, and career and technical centers across Ohio.

Increasing access to technology

Our IT services are designed to meet the diverse needs of school districts, increasing access to the latest technology. We help schools achieve their educational objectives by building a strong information technology environment for student success.



Guided by expertise

The MEC ITC is guided by a Technology Committee that regularly reviews the status of current ITC services and investigates future services that may need to be implemented to keep our school district customers up-to-date with new and ever-changing technology.

Services and Solutions

Services provided by the MEC ITC to participating districts include:



EMIS Services

The Education Management Information System (EMIS) is the statewide collection system for staff, student, district/building, and financial data for Ohio's primary and secondary schools. Staff data collected includes demographic, attendance, and course information. At the student level, demographic, student attributes, attendance, program, course, and test data are submitted to

ODE. General school district and school building data, including financial data, are also reported through EMIS.

The MEC EMIS staff provides service to participating districts including training, support and management of the EMIS interface package, assistance with aggregation/collection, validation and reporting of data and Helpdesk support.

Fiscal Services

Our Fiscal Services department addresses the needs of school district treasurers and staff by providing software support and training in accounting, fixed assets, payroll, personnel consultation and problem solving, and required third-party reporting.

Training and support is also provided for users of software applications such as: Uniform School Accounting System (USAS), Uniform Staff/Payroll System (USPS), State Software Web Access Tools (SSWAT), School Asset Accounting System (SAAS), FiscWeb, Employee Kiosk and GAAP.

INFOhio Services

INFOhio services support media specialists at schools in the MEC service region by providing library automation, electronic resources, and curriculum and instructional development linked to Ohio Content Standards.



MEC's library services also include support, training, and management of the Sirsi/Dynix K-12 library automation package, and support and training on the INFOhio Core Collection of Electronic Resources.

Student Services

The MEC Student Services team provides support to staff at MEC participating districts and other schools in our service region in reporting data including, but not limited to, attendance, student scheduling, grade cards, transcripts and assessments.

The Student Services department also trains and supports users of the DASL student software package, EMIS reporting, Progress Book, and SPS in Progress Book for Special Education staff.

Technical Services

MEC ITC participating districts are provided with a variety of technical service expertise including: Wide Area Networking (WAN) and Local Network Area Networking (LAN) services, MECNET high speed Internet service, network monitoring and security, anti-spam E-mail filtering, firewall, E-Rate eligible ISP, disaster recovery and Helpdesk support.