



INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Welcome to Model Schools Core Service

What is Model Schools Core Service?

The LHRIC Model Schools Core Service is a shared regional instructional technology service provided by the LHRIC Instructional Technology Department. Through the Core Service, member districts have access to an annual catalog of professional learning workshops, special events, webinars, demonstrations, and self-paced, online courses, facilitated by highly qualified professional development coaches. Fifty districts in the tri-county region participate in the LHRIC Model Schools program, and member districts are involved in the design and direction of the Core Service to meet the needs of the region.

The Core Service provides shared professional learning opportunities focused on key issues and topics in instructional technology. Model Schools sessions and courses are open to all instructional staff, support staff, administrators, and paraprofessional staff in member districts. Customized consulting is available for Core Service member districts for on-site professional development, at an additional fee.

What areas of expertise does Model Schools cover?

The Core Service is designed primarily to help K-12 teachers in all content areas use technology to enhance their teaching, and improve student learning. LHRIC professional development coaches are well versed in general instructional strategies and bring decades of experience and knowledge in the adoption and implementation of digital software and tools that are currently in classrooms. Expertise in the Core Service includes:

General Technology Integration Topics

- General skill development: Google Workspace for Education/Microsoft Office 365
- Teaching in Active and Flexible Learning Environments
- Reaching All Learners with Accessibility Tools
- Starting and sustaining an eSports club/program
- Virtual and augmented reality technologies
- Coding, programming and robotics
- Social media in instructional settings
- Digital Fluency and Citizenship
- Digital storytelling and video creation
- Leadership, support and strategies for implementing the NYS CS/Digital Fluency Standards
- Blended and online learning strategies and solutions
- Mobile learning technologies (iPads, Smartphones, Chromebooks)
- Tools and strategies for online collaboration

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Instructional Technology Software Titles

- Edpuzzle
- NewsELA
- Explorelearning Gizmos, Frax, Science
- IXL
- Nearpod
- Brainpop
- Peardeck
- SeeSaw
- WeVideo
- Peardeck
- Kami
- No Red Ink
- Smartsuite/Lumio
- Minecraft EDU

What does my district have access to as a member of the Core Service?

Districts enjoy unlimited access to an annual catalog of regional professional learning opportunities, designed to accommodate various learning styles and preferences.

All sessions are listed in My Learning Plan and monthly digests are sent to Model Schools Core District Contacts to help promote offers in the district.

Model Schools "PD Your Way" Online Learning

Model Schools Online Courses are fully facilitated by a LHRIC coach, and are eligible for CTLE credits. The courses run approximately 4 weeks, and take 3-6 hours to complete. Participants receive an orientation kit upon registration, and individual attention during each course to ensure maximum success and learning. All online courses are included in the Model Schools Core membership and are open to all instructional staff, support staff, administrators, and paraprofessional staff in member districts.

Access to the LHRIC Active Learning Center [Visit ALC Website >](#)

The LHRIC Active Learning Center (ALC) is located at 450 Mamaroneck Avenue in Harrison and is available to districts for visits and tours, design consultation and implementation planning, meeting facilitation, and a variety of professional development sessions.

Experiences are designed to incorporate research-based practices for active learning and are included in the Model Schools Core membership. Extended opportunities for consultation, visits, and use of the room are available on request.

Access to "Video on Demand" library [Visit On Demand Library >](#)

Various channels are available, ranging from 1-2 minute "Spark" videos highlighting a teaching tool/technique that can be consumed in between class periods, to recorded webinars and self paced "how to" videos for essential instructional technology software. We also are pleased to highlight various administrators, teachers and experts in a short form interview format called "Live from Model Schools" which helps promote and inspire collaboration across the region. The "Model Schools Minute" channel consists of quarterly video updates to keep you informed of upcoming opportunities and new service developments.

Membership in "Learning First, Technology Second" PLC ("Coaching for Coaches")

"L1T2" is an annual cohort of instructional technology coaches from member districts. The PLC is largely based on Dr. Liz Kolb's work in defining the "Triple E Framework" and is facilitated by a LHRIC coach. The program consists of regular meetups during the year, based on topics selected by the cohort, relevant to their unique roles as technologists and leaders. It's an ideal place for district instructional technology experts to find additional support and camaraderie.

How do I keep current with the Core Service offers?

- **SHARE THE CATALOG LINK** with your colleagues!
- **PARTICIPATE** in scheduled Model Schools Steering Meetings to influence future programs and offers
- **FOLLOW AND ENGAGE** on social media [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [LinkedIn](#)
- **SIGN UP** for the Newsletter and receive monthly "at a glance" digest for available and upcoming sessions and events