

Kentucky Educational Development partners with Kentucky Power for year two of GOAL project

Kentucky Educational Development Corporation Cooperative (KEDC) has launched the second year of Go Online And Learn, a regional educational initiative funded by Kentucky Power. The project uses technology as a way to connect participating Eastern Kentucky schools with local and national institutions of higher learning, industry and academic experts, and classrooms around the world.

The GOAL project was launched in the fall of 2017 with teachers from 16 area school districts. This year the project includes those first year participants with districts also having the opportunity to send additional teachers. “This is truly a wonderful learning opportunity and I am pleased that Morgan County is involved”, said Dr. Thomas Potter, superintendent of Morgan County Schools in the KEDC region.

The investment by Kentucky Power will provide the means for educators to bring virtual educational experiences to their students and to build district capacity to sustain and expand those experiences in the future. District representatives will be working collaboratively with other participants and the KEDC facilitation team to research, learn about and practice using new technology tools and processes to plan, create and execute, meaningful virtual learning experiences for students.

David Trimble, Dir. Teacher & Leader Effectiveness, at Russell Independent Schools expressed his appreciation for the project, “This grant and the GOAL project has allowed our students to learn from industry and business professionals, from professors and from students all over the world. That is the exactly the kind of thing we want to do - to get students ready for their future. They need opportunities to learn about the world and GOAL has made that possible even without leaving our area.”

The GOAL project partnership is open to any school district within the Kentucky Power service area. GOAL Year 1 activities included partnering with international classrooms through Global Nomads Group and I-Earn, and connecting with industry professionals to discuss techniques, trainings and business essentials using NEPRIS. This year GOAL educators are reaching out to additional organizations and agencies to offer even more types of virtual learning to students.

“One of the best parts about GOAL is that I can help other teachers do these online connections. Doing online learning events with my kids taught me and them so much and I want to share that with the other teachers in my school” explained Frank Ratliff from Johnson County Schools.



KEDC is one of eight education cooperatives in Kentucky with a membership including 64 Kentucky school districts. Founded in 1965 KEDC is the largest and oldest cooperative serving Kentucky schools and exists to provide educational support services for its members which include technology services, full collective bidding services, special education support, professional development, leadership development and more.



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