West Virginia Rethink K-12 Education Models Project

Abstract

West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is submitting a *Rethink K-12 Education Models* grant with the intent to address Absolute Priority 3 – Field Initiated Projects for Education Models for Remote Learning to Improve Student Outcomes. The goal of the state's proposed project is to develop the three unique remote learning models: digital learning, non-digital learning, and hybrid/blended learning that will be based on the results of the proposed district level needs assessment. The goals of the West Virginia grant project include (1) building teacher capacity to improve their delivery of remote learning, (2) support parents and other care providers of K-12 students engaged in remote learning, and 3) provide appropriate coursework to students to improve their remote learning skills for elective credit.

WVDE will partner with the 55 West Virginia school districts, School for Deaf and Blind, Marshall University, and West Virginia University to determine/develop the activities. Overall, this grant will 1) build capacity of teachers to learn and utilize best practices with remote learning; 2) provide a digital teaching credential to educators who demonstrate proficiency through the successful completion of 18 hours of graduate level coursework; (3) imbed remote learning instruction and practice into pre-service teacher education coursework, teacher induction requirements, and alternate pathways to licensure programs; (4) provide resources for parents to support K-12 students as they engage in remote learning; (5) deliver remote learning opportunities to students for course credit; and 6) provide appropriate technology tools to schools to implement newly acquired learning.

Upon completion of the models, the WVDE/partners will replicate the models via statewide preparation/implementation through our state university system of teacher preparatory programs down through the K-12 educational system for a seamless training around improving remote learning skills sets and knowledge which can also be used in brick and mortar settings.