

Enhancing Education Through Technology: Stimulus Grant



**Online
Learning**

The Goal

- *Johnstown students take online courses that are designed and taught by Johnstown teachers in a fully virtual or blended environment.*

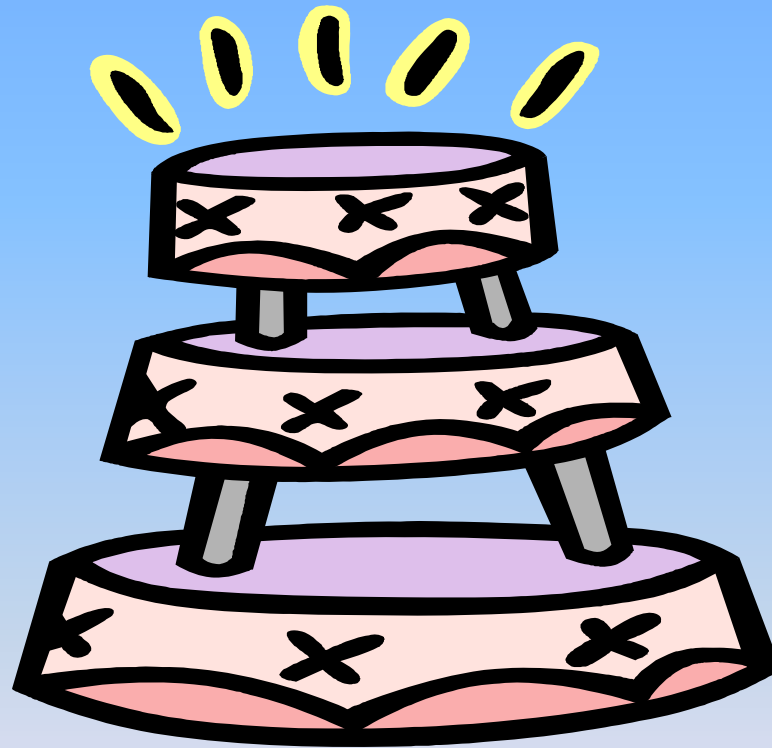




Vocabulary!

- Fully virtual: a fully online course, teacher instructs via the computer.
- Blended: a physical classroom course with online components or modules.

Three tiered Grant



Allows us to:

1. Have JHS students receive online courses for remediation and acceleration from NYS certified teachers



For one year only, to better understand how effective this instruction is and how to tailor this to Johnstown.

2. Secondary Johnstown teachers to receive in depth professional development in how to teach a fully virtual online course or how to teach a blended online course.



- Teachers participate in an EdTech Leaders Online course summer 2010.
- Teachers participate in a year long Professional Learning Community to plan their course(s) for 2011-12

3. Evaluate the effectiveness of online instruction for Johnstown High School Students, and to plan for our own approach to online instruction here in Johnstown.



- Part of the professional learning community.
- Grant is evaluated by outside professionals via BOCES

Implementation

- 2010-2011:
 - Launch, study, and learn about online instruction.
 - Plan for online instruction
 - Evaluate grant
- 2011-2012:
 - Johnstown teachers offer Johnstown students online courses in a blended or fully virtual setting.
 - Evaluate effectiveness
 - Provide future teacher P.D. in online learning



Advantages

- Allows Johnstown students to graduate with online learning experience, to better prepare them for college.
- Opens doors to students who may need to repeat a course, and need to learn in a different way.
- Allows Johnstown teachers to create virtual and blended classes that fit our students and our school district.

