

# Distance Learning

The “Digital Revolution” is changing the way children learn in the classroom. Educators are challenged to provide unique educational opportunities that offer distance learning within a limited, and sometimes straining budget. As a result, many schools are beginning to establish distance education programs. Distance learning takes place when a teacher and student are separated by physical location and technology is used to bridge the gap. Distance learning becomes even more important in small rural school districts where it is particularly difficult to get teachers. Because of that, distance learning can help with staffing shortages. A great number of schools are in the process of forming distance learning partnerships with other schools and

outside agencies. These types of arrangements call for one teacher to be hired for position that is difficult to find qualified teachers for. These teachers work at a central location and have class loads sometimes twice that of a traditional position. These teachers work with students from dozens of school at once. Imagine the possibilities of such a scenario. There would be less problems finding the candidates to staff courses that are difficult to find qualified staff to teach. Most upper level secondary administrators would agree that it is tough to run AP classes when you have less than 5 students that qualify for such advanced course. Distance learning centers can now service these students. It is also cost effective in the long run.

