

IT Academy Program Benefits

Official Microsoft-E-Learning Portfolio and Course Management Tool http://itacademy.microsoftelearning.com	Self-paced, interactive, online learning that covers a wide range of Microsoft technologies.
Digital Literacy http://www.microsoft.com/digitalliteracy	Self-paced, interactive training for students who want a fundamental understanding of computers.
E-Reference Library https://www.microsoft.com/education/itacademymembers/ITAereference.mspx	Instant access to over 500 Microsoft Press books online that can be used for teaching in the classroom.
My PC Series https://www.mypcprogram.com	Windows curriculum is designed for parents/adults to springboard into the digital world with fun topics that lower the learning curve and eliminate any PC intimidation factors.
Curriculum Mapping	A mapping of the State's CTE task/competencies, Standards of Learning, Career Pathways, Work Keys, and K12 Career Readiness Models to the various Microsoft curricula.
Teacher Lessons Plans: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/itacademy/members/lessonplans/lesson-plans-default.aspx	Educator lessons plans available for teachers at every IT Academy member school on multiple subject matters.
Career Forward "Career Preparations" Curriculum http://nroc.careerforward.org/careerforward	Employers consistently express the need for highly trained employees who also know why they have chosen a particular career direction, understand how to manage their own finances, and know how to be self directed and entrepreneurial in their learning and career development.

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Lab Licenses	Each IT Academy member institution is allowed to receive up to 50 Microsoft Office 2010 licenses for lab classroom use.
DreamSpark and DreamSpark Premium https://www.dreamspark.com/default.aspx	DreamSpark subscriptions give Microsoft IT Academy members easy access to the latest development tools, operating systems, server software, documentation, and technical references. In addition, students have complete access to these resources on their personal computers and in department labs. DreamSpark Premium is available for qualifying STEM departments.
Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT)	Each IT Academy member institution benefits from receiving one annual subscription to the MCT program for a qualified educator, enabling access to a vast array of MCT resources. In addition, each member can receive a 25% discount on additional MCT memberships for qualified teacher.
Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Program http://www.microsoft.com/education/en-us/Training/Innovative_educator	This program is designed to provide professional development to K-12 educators and teacher trainers on effective technology integration to improve teaching and learning. (This program is separate from the IT Academy Program).
Microsoft Student-to-Business Program http://www.microsoft.com/studentstobusiness	The Microsoft Student-to-Business (S2B) portal connects students with entry-level jobs and internships in the Microsoft partner (more than 10k US companies) community, matching open job requirements with available skills/knowledge and building the pipeline of IT skilled workers.

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MOS and MTA Teacher certification https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/itacademy/members/my-academy.aspx	Request 10 MOS and 20 MTA teacher certification exam vouchers for educator use toward earning the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification or Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA).
Partners in Learning: Teaching with Technology https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/itacademy/members/resources/educator-tools.aspx#Pro	Partners in Learning curriculum focused on helping educators integrate UNESCO ICT-CFT standards into their teaching and learning practice. Includes a self-assessment and 6 online courses.
Promotional Materials https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/itacademy/members/resources/marketing-collateral.aspx#downloads	Download posters and materials to promote your program and inspire your students.