



Distance Learning and Technology in the Classroom

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Distance Learning...

- ◎ Is interactive
- ◎ Allows for reflection and practice
- ◎ Provides variety
- ◎ Is relevant to everyday life
- ◎ Provides accurate and appropriate information

WHAT IS ACCESS DISTANCE LEARNING?

- ◎ ACCESS- Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators, & Students Statewide
- ◎ Greater equity for all Alabama public high school students through 21st century technology
- ◎ Equal access to high quality instruction
- ◎ An infrastructure that delivers quality learning opportunities

What Are the Key Components of ACCESS

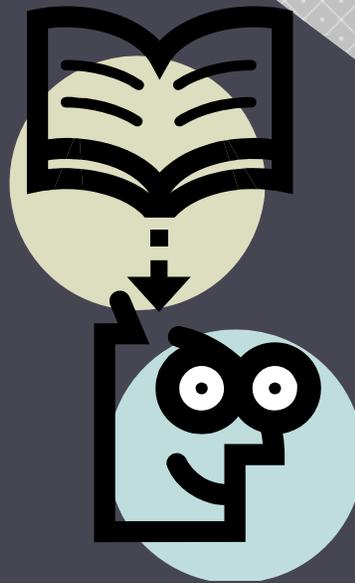
- ◎ All classes are part of the students' curriculum and receive credit.
- ◎ A technical infrastructure to deliver approved Web-based courses and connect IVC labs via a statewide network
- ◎ Web-based and Interactive Videoconferencing courses taught by Alabama certified and qualified teachers

Video Conferencing

- ◎ One is able to enrich one's life through classes taught via video conferencing once thought unrealistic.
- ◎ Students are provided with a more diverse teacher pool.

Computer Conferencing

- ◎ Students are given the opportunity to learn in an environment with multiple students who are interested in the same subject as they.



Interactive Field Trips

- ◎ Opportunity for students to experience places and cultures previously thought unattainable.
- ◎ A fun yet in-depth learning experience.

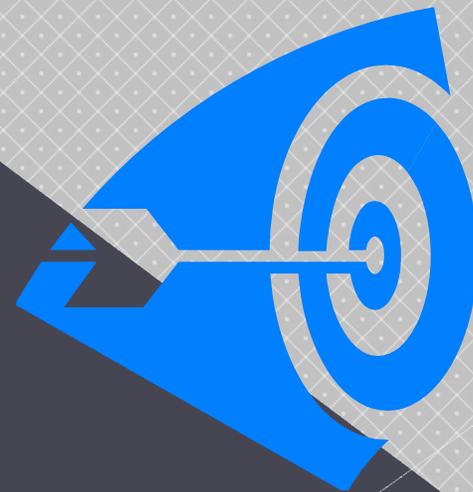


SMART Boards

- ◎ Interactive whiteboards are used in more than 1.4 million K–12 classrooms, by more than 30 million students globally.
- ◎ These are the most widely used form of interactive learning.
- ◎ Learning comes alive through a more interesting and convenient medium of education.

Advantages

- ◎ Students do not have to spend as much time on campus.
- ◎ Program is flexible to students' schedule
- ◎ Easy access to programs
- ◎ Broad array of choices
- ◎ Work at your own pace
- ◎ Saves money



Disadvantages

- ⦿ Lacks personal interaction with teachers and students
- ⦿ Students may feel left out of class activities.
- ⦿ Because of flexibility, students may not be as motivated as in-class students.
- ⦿ Inadequate feedback from teachers
- ⦿ Inevitable technical difficulties