



Virtual School Symposium 2009

November 15 – 17 in Austin, Texas

“Creating New Solutions Through Online Learning”



The Virtual School Symposium (VSS)

brings together representatives from national, state, district, private and other virtual school programs to attend the industry’s leading event in K-12 online learning. The VSS conference provides important analysis, interactive sessions and thought-provoking workshops for leaders looking to help shape the future of education.

Online courses increase academic opportunities for students, including:

- Providing Advanced Placement (AP) classes not offered at their schools;
- Offering credit recovery to meet graduation requirements;
- Enabling coursework to be completed virtually for students with illnesses, physical or geographical limitations, or disabilities;
- Introducing new solutions for teaching online science and math (STEM).

Conference goals:

To provide sessions that will show how online learning is a solution to current education gaps in educational opportunities that exist today for diverse groups of learners — from special needs, to at-risk, to gifted students;

Provide professional development in K-12 online learning;

Distribute research, case studies and data about what works in online learning;

Share best practices on plans, policies, standards and evaluation of virtual education;

Facilitate interaction, networking, and collaboration between virtual school practitioners and experts in the field;

Determine strategies for improving mainstream education to ensure every student graduates with a world-class diploma to prepare them for college or beyond.