

The INFOhio Preview is intended to provide library media specialists and other educators the opportunity to evaluate curricular oriented electronic resources that support Ohio K-12 instruction. INFOhio is able to provide a core collection of electronic reference resources, so the focus of the Preview will be on reference and research resources that supplement the core collection to meet additional needs of elementary, middle, and high school library media centers. The Electronic Resources Task Force will make the *final* determination on the inclusion of specific resources in the Preview. Please consider these factors, and the following “Basic Criteria,” as you determine whether or not your company would like to participate in INFOhio Preview 2005.

If, after consideration, your company would like to participate in the Preview 2005, submit all information requested on the “INFOhio Preview 2005 Timelines” document by the dates indicated. Please be aware that INFOhio, at the recommendation of the Electronic Resources Task Force, reserves the right to reject any vendor based on the Task Force’s verification of compliance with our basic criteria.

BASIC CRITERIA

- The resource must have a curricular application appropriate for students or faculty at the elementary, middle school, or high school grade levels. The vendor must be willing to provide documentation of this claim.
- The resource must be delivered online and the vendor must agree to provide access through the INFOhio Electronic Resources Preview Web site.
- If the vendor requires a user name and password, it must be a statewide user name/password. Instructions for accessing the preview must be posted at the preview site.
- The vendor must make the complete resource available for the entire length of the Preview period. This is not to be considered a trial or “on approval” subscription.
- The vendor must be willing to provide documentation to support the selection and validity of the information presented by the resource.
- Research resources must be capable of using enhanced search strategies such as Boolean operators, wild cards, and/or natural language searching.
- The resource must have a help file or other means of explaining effective use of the resource.
- The resource must have an audience or grade level range designation provided by the vendor to indicate who the intended users are.
- The vendor must guarantee that the price listed in the Preview is the lowest individual building/district price offered within the state of Ohio. The availability of additional discounts through group or consortium purchase orders must be noted, if appropriate.
- Pricing structures should be kept as simple as possible through the use of rates based on per building, per student enrollment, per simultaneous user, or other appropriate measure.
- Vendors will agree to reimburse their current subscribers for any unused portion of a subscription should their product become part of a statewide contract through INFOhio.
- Vendors will agree to provide preview resources that are free of advertising and delivered with no advertising references.

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