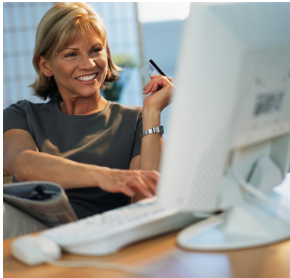


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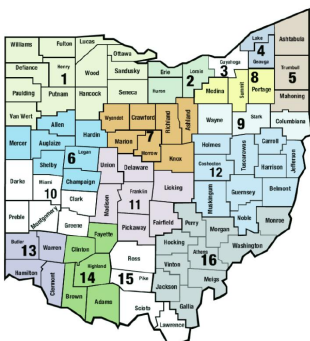
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## New Inquiry and Knowledge Building Process

### New DIALOGUE Video Tutorials

If you want to incorporate the newest inquiry and knowledge building skills in your classroom but don't know where to start, try going to [www.learningcommons.infohio.org](http://www.learningcommons.infohio.org) and click on Learning Skills. There you will find the latest in a series of video tutorials prepared by teachers just like you. The tutorials discuss the instructional strategies and then show you how other teachers are applying them in their classrooms. In addition to the tutorials, you'll find hand-picked resources you can start using in your classroom right now. INFOhio worked with the Montgomery County Educational Service Center to develop the modules which link the DIALOGUE framework for Inquiry and Knowledge Building with tools and resources available from INFOhio.

Choose from the following:

**Module 1, Cues, Questions and Advanced Organizers**, focuses on two specific instructional strategies -- activating prior knowledge and developing questions for acquiring deeper content understanding and new knowledge.

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**Module 3, Cooperative Learning**, is currently in production.

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