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Gamification – Not Just for Students

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Gamification: the application of typical elements of game playing to other areas of activity, specifically to engage users in problem-solving. Mindy Engler, Teacher-Librarian at McKinley Senior High School, is proving that gamification is not just a method for engaging student learning - teachers love it too! Mindy wanted a fun and engaging approach to teach her colleagues about INFOhio's digital tools and resources. Drawing inspiration from Jamie Morris and Amber Frazdorf, educators at Bryan City Schools, Mindy applied the principles of gamification to developing weekly challenges for colleagues to learn more about INFOhio's digital resources. Each week, Mindy posted a challenge to her colleagues, which included locating lesson plans using Educator Tools and selecting articles from EBSCO's Career Collection to support career exploration and planning with students. Teachers learned how to teach with academic journal articles from EBSCO databases using resources from Research 4 Success and collected streaming videos from Digital Video Collection to supplement classroom instruction.

All participants received a certificate and CEUs for license renewal and collected digital resources from INFOhio to transform instruction and impact student learning. Ten teachers from McKinley Senior High School participated including hearing impaired interpreters looking for resources to meet the needs of their students. INFOhio resources did not disappoint.

Mindy will continue the INFOhio Digital Resources Challenge in 2020 bringing the benefits of INFOhio's resources to more teachers at McKinley Senior High School, proving how creativity, leadership, and INFOhio's digital resources can transform instruction and impact student learning.

Don't Ask Us. Quote Teachers.

"INFOhio provides a safe, reliable, and creditable site for students and teachers to learn how to research." - Amanda Crabtree, Teacher, Valley

High School, Lucasville

"INFOhio has optimized student learning at Canal Winchester High School, and we couldn't be happier!"

> Lydia Tokarz, Teacher-Librarian, Canal Winchester High School, Canal Winchester

"INFOhio is a valuable resource, available at no cost to Ohio's schools, with a variety of quality resources that are easily accessible for even the youngest of students."

> - Zachary Stock, Teacher, Monroe Elementary, New Richmond Exempted Village School District

Real Classrooms. Real Stories.

Students Put Research into Action

Fairfield and Franklin Counties

Lydia Tokarz, Teacher-Librarian at Canal Winchester High School, combined the hip hop vibes of Flocabulary with INFOhio's digital resources. Once hooked on the topic with Flocabulary, students then dive into their research with INFOhio resources, like the Oxford Research Encyclopedia, Explora 9-12, and World Book Advanced, to examine social issues in the United States that reflect dystopian characteristics. Putting research into action, students share their projects and their learning at the high school's fall exhibition night.





Students Rely on INFOhio

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Locating reliable digital sources is a research skill vital to a student's success. Students at Valley High School use INFOhio's Academic Search Premier, a treasure trove of perspectives on current issues presented in overview essays and journal articles, for most of their assignments. Sophomores rely on INFOhio's Points of View Reference Center for an overview and opposing viewpoints on a topic, equipping them with fair, balanced content to draw conclusions, construct an argument, or conduct a debate on current trending political and social topics.

Building Career Awareness

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INFOhio makes it easy for K-5 learners to explore the world of work from their classroom or home. First graders at Monroe Elementary combine student curiosity with INFOhio's digital texts to build career awareness. Students use Kids InfoBits and World Book Early Learning to explore the variety of careers available within their local community. Using "People at Work," found within World Book Early Learning, students learned about jobs that protect people, such as a police officer or firefighter. Using Kids InfoBits, they investigated how business owners, farmers, and veterinarians contribute to a healthy community.





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