



## ONLINE: Virtual Field Trips

*“This is such a fun learning opportunity to introduce to my class!”*

– Karen P.

Field trips have long been considered an important element of education and rightly so. They help students connect what is being learned in class with what actually exists outside the four walls of the classroom. Such trips are useful in widening horizons of the mind and sparking further inquiry.

However, the practical issues of dealing with logistics, shrinking budgets, safety concerns and constraints of resources have, more often than not, made it more difficult for teachers to include field trips in their lesson plans. This course introduces teachers to the idea of virtual field trip as a highly effective alternative for enhancing course material. This course will help teachers familiarize themselves with a tool that integrates technology in classroom instruction.



It will offer you a peek at the resources available online and the possibilities they present. You will learn what such trips entail, how to plan them, how to prepare yourself for them, and how to use them for maximum benefit with curriculum. The course will also equip you to create your own virtual field trips as well as evaluate their impact on an ongoing basis.

### Standards:

This course aligns to all of the INTASC Standards including Learner Development, Learning Differences, Learning Environments, Content Knowledge, Assessment, Planning for Instruction and Instructional Strategies.

The course also aligns to the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content and Teachers Facilitate Learning.

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### **Course Outline**

#### **LESSON 1**

##### **Introduction to Virtual Field Trips**

- Meaning and relevance of virtual field trips
- Advantages of using virtual field trips for student learning
- Addressing concerns regarding use of virtual field trips
- Applicability of virtual trips across grades and subjects

#### **LESSON 2**

##### **Planning a Virtual Field Trip**

- Vital points to consider before planning a virtual trip
- Technical competence
- Types of virtual field trips
- Steps involved in planning

#### **LESSON 3**

##### **Virtual Field Trip Resources**

- Pre-designed virtual field trips
- Gathering content and images for custom-made virtual field trips
- Using sound, video and maps
- Maximizing learning opportunities

#### **LESSON 4**

##### **Conducting a Virtual Field Trip**

- Setting the stage for a virtual field trip
- Understanding teacher's role
- Tips for ensuring student participation
- Follow up for a field trip and assessing impact