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ONLINE: Virtual Field Trips

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

– Karen P.

Field trips help students make connections between classroom learning and the world. However, they aren't always practical due to budget constraints, safety concerns or learning needs.

Virtual field trips are an effective alternative to traditional field trips because of accessibility, ease and interactivity. They are cost-effective, safe to use and break down geographical and learning barriers. Virtual field trips work well for all types of classrooms. In this course, teacher discover innumerable tips and resources, can plan, create and customize virtual trips to cater to their students' needs. Take classroom learning beyond the confines of the classroom.



Standards:

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

It also aligns to all of the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content, Teachers Facilitate Learning and Teachers Analyze and Reflect.

Each online PD course includes:

- **Convenient access** anytime, anywhere, any device
- Interactive **online** textbook
- Implement **practical suggestions** immediately
- Demonstrate comprehension with **quizzes** and checks for understanding
- Print **certificates** of completion
- Easily assign courses to align with each teacher's **personalized PD needs**
- **Integrate** with school and district-wide initiatives
- **Low cost solution for all courses, all teachers, all school year**
- **Reports** for school administrators



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Course Outline

LESSON 1: Introduction to Virtual Field Trips

- Characteristics
- Opportunities
- Applicability

LESSON 2: VFT Resources

- Pre-designed VFTs
- Resources to Design VFTs
- Maximizing Learning

LESSON 3: Planning a Virtual Field Trip

- Considerations
- Types of Virtual Field Trips

LESSON 4: Conducting a VFT

- Setting the stage and Goal
- Student Participation and Post-VFT Follow-up
- Drawing Connections and Real-World Implications
- Reporting and Evaluating the VFT