

# MCOECN Membership Benefits

The Management Council of the Ohio Education Computer Network has at its core four primary goals for supporting the needs of its members and the K-12 educational community in Ohio.

Goal #1: Promote the Value and Benefits of the Ohio Education Computer Network

*“To increase the awareness of the OECN in the legislative and executive branches and to improve the funding outlook for the OECN and educational technology initiatives.”*

The MCOECN seeks to achieve this goal by:

- ❖ Providing state-level representation (Legislature, Ohio Department of Education, eTech Ohio, and other agencies)
- ❖ Representation on the eTech Ohio Commission
- ❖ Collaboration with other organizations (BASA, OSBA, OASBO, OESCA, OAEP)
- ❖ Providing marketing support and assistance
- ❖ Providing presentations to showcase the achievements of members
- ❖ Providing a conduit for communicating legislative activity to the members

Goal #2: Act as an Advocate for Continuous Improvement

*“To assist Information Technology Centers in their efforts to continue to improve in the ways services are provided to schools; to seek new ways to assist schools; and to become more efficient and effective as an organization.”*

The MCOECN seeks to achieve this goal by:

- ❖ Providing assistance to members for their CIP (Continuous Improvement Plan) and SLA (Service Level Agreement) requirements
- ❖ Providing templates for Acceptable User Policy (AUP) and other issues
- ❖ Offering professional development opportunities for members
- ❖ Supporting a state-wide Professional Development Committee
- ❖ Providing software to track professional development/CEU data
- ❖ Assisting member’s staff in the licensure/certification renewal process
- ❖ Facilitating policies such as the MCOECN Code of Conduct
- ❖ Providing a forum to network with peers and share best practices
- ❖ Obtaining legal opinions for issues that effect all members
- ❖ Providing a Peer Review service to members

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## Goal #3: Support Statewide Technology Programs and Initiatives

*“To seek success for programs of value for Ohio schools by providing support and leadership; and to work effectively and collaboratively with state agencies and other educational entities.”*

The MCOECN seeks to achieve this goal by:

- ❖ Fostering positive relationships with the Ohio Department of Education and eTech Ohio
- ❖ Fostering positive relationships with OASBO, OSBA, BASA, OESCA, OAEP and others
- ❖ Actively participating in the Ohio K-12 Network
- ❖ Actively participating in the D3A2 Project
- ❖ Actively participating on the State Software Advisory Committee
- ❖ Actively supporting INFOhio and its programs for library automation and electronic resources
- ❖ Actively supporting the State Software Development Team
- ❖ Helping facilitate software development/procurement as needs are identified by members

## Goal #4: Promote Cost Savings through the MCOECN VAR Program

*“To provide cost effective and valued products and services to Ohio schools; to leverage Ohio K-12 purchasing volume to achieve cost savings; and to help in the support of OECN technology initiatives.”*

The MCOECN seeks to achieve this goal by:

- ❖ Providing group license purchase programs such as the CSLG Program and the Microsoft Select Agreement
- ❖ Providing a partnership agreement with Educational Resources and other suppliers
- ❖ Offering the VAR (Value Added Reseller) Program for special group pricing of software/hardware products, maintenance agreements, and services
- ❖ Providing forums for software/hardware acquisition and implementation

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