



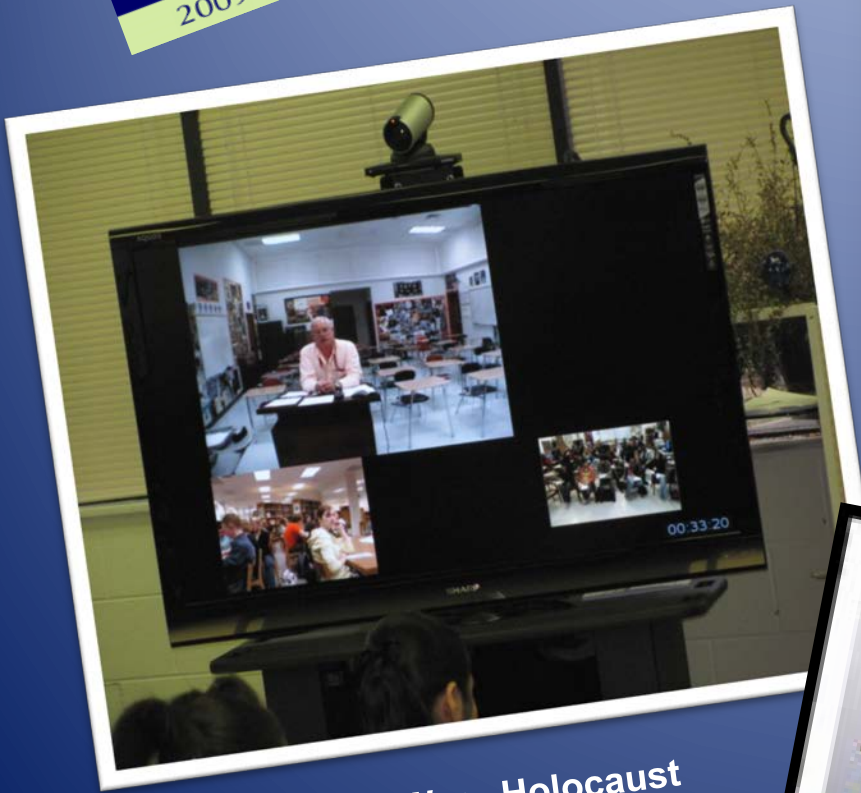
EDEN

**Elizabethton Distance
Education Network**

**Perkins IV Reserve Grant
2010-2011
Elizabethton City Schools**

DL Equipment

Virtual Field trip to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum



1945: Witnesses to War - Holocaust Survivors and Artists



Total \$98,103

EHS students speak with Holocaust survivor



Goal Progress

Virtual field trips in the EDEN classroom demonstrated how skills learned in high school can transfer and enhance their post-secondary training.

Professional development for our teachers provided group and individual training for distance learning. Professional development was given by Mr. Mike Lay educational consultant for PCS . All teachers were given PD opportunities throughout the school year by Judy Fletcher, EHS technology coach, and Patty Simerly, CTE director, Elizabethton City Schools.



Goal Progress

Elizabethton Distance Education Network ,

Fall 2011: We will offer opportunities for our students to enroll in online courses in the EDEN classroom that include ACT prep class, AP English and Calculus, social studies, English, computer applications, math, and science.

By offering online courses in the EDEN, classroom, this will reduce the cost of secondary and post-secondary training for students of Elizabethton City Schools.

Modifications to Goals

Goals are
being met

Continue to set goals for
improvement.

**Distance learning
is an on-going
project!**

- Continue building confidence in students and teachers.
- Improve all high school programs of study

Budget Information

Because the Niswonger Foundation funded \$10,000 to cover the total cost of grant proposal, our budget was not modified .



The grant provided two portable PCS EasyEdge Distance Learning carts with 60" display and 3 Year Warranty; and a permanent Lab is located in the Elizabethton High School Career Technical Education building.



Additional equipment items provided :

Digital projection for smartboard

Tandberg dual display option HD multisite and standard cable kit with warranty and maintenance

Tandberg precision HD Camera

Four 52" LCD TV's with Mount

Tandberg microphone installation



In addition to the equipment purchased, teacher professional development and money appropriated for online field trips and videoconferencing were provided through CILC . Ongoing PD was included in the budget.



Success

Commitment

- **of Elizabethton City Schools to provide Distance Learning opportunities to all students.**

Student

- **of higher order thinking skills in real world situations through virtual field trips**

Recognition

Connection

- **to the Center of Interactive Learning (CILC) to provide virtual field trips**

Challenges

- While some teachers recognize the need for new learning opportunities through technology, others are reluctant.
- By using the distance learning equipment, we will be able to overcome some of our scheduling situations.
- There is a need for more preparation by the students and teachers before conducting field trips.
- Cancellations of virtual field trips was an on-going problem for us this year. Equipment failure, weather related school dismissal, and cancellations of content by the providers became a problem for the teachers and students.



Advice

Get a few key teachers to buy in to the vision and help with implementation.

Praise small successes to encourage teachers and students.

Network and develop relationships key to open dialogue with post-secondary institutions.



**Thank
You!**

**For questions or comments,
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