

*Online Communities of Practice
bring people together to
accomplish a mutual goal.*

Bring your collaboration online!

HOW TO REQUEST A COP

Get started immediately for free! Your COP comes with free membership to online support organizations including access to many helpful resources and tutorials.

1 . Contact

elearningkyinquiry@education.ky.gov

2 . Complete a COP Request form.

3 . **Get Started** with the support of eLearning KY you may request technical support as well as take a Blackboard Basics course with KYVS.

BLACKBOARD

COPS are provided by Blackboard Learning Management Systems through the Kentucky Department of Education.



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WHAT IS A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE?

A Community of Practice (COP) is a group of people that share common professional objectives.

By creating focused, purposeful connections across geographies, time zones, business functions, or cultures, COPs use the collective knowledge of the group to arrive at innovative and new ideas to move organizations forward.

Working closely with our staff, you can strategize and customize your COP to:

- **Capture knowledge, ideas, and innovations**
 - **Share best practices**
 - **Solve problems quickly**
 - **Enable professional development**
 - **Reduce costs**
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WHO IS USING A COP?

Many educational organizations in Kentucky are already online taking advantage of 21st Century Learning Skills to meet the needs of educators and students across Kentucky. Here are a few:

Reading First

Social Studies Teachers Network

Wilderness Trail Special Education Cooperative

Writing Clusters

Highly Skilled Educators

Teachers in Transition

Gear Up

English Language Learners

Adolescent Literacy Coaches



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Increase and improve your professional collaboration!

COLLABORATION TOOLS

Synchronous and asynchronous interaction provided to you through Blackboard:

- **Discussion Board**
- **Chat/Collaboration**
- **Live Classroom**
- **Electronic Chalkboard**
- **Posting Electronic Documents**
- **Scholar Academic Networking**
- **Voice Tools**
 - Voice Email
 - Pronto Instant Messaging
 - Voice Board & Recorder
 - Voice Presenter
 - Podcaster

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