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COVID-19 has changed the education landscape, and many teachers are experiencing the remote classroom for the first time. To help fill the gaps in communication and collaboration that have become apparent, many schools are adopting new technology and software at a very rapid rate. As a result, educators across the globe are struggling to balance their workloads while adopting new skillsets in ways that are not optimal. It's time to turn the tide.

As a Certified Microsoft Global Training Partner, Connection's Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) courses and professional development services for Microsoft products give educators appropriate and meaningful tools to increase the effectiveness of both teaching and learning. Our courses are an allowable expense under the CARES Act and cover a wide variety of topics.

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Academies

Level 1 MIE Teacher Academy

Duration: 6 Hours

Participants will spend the day getting excited about the many tools Microsoft has to offer students and teachers. Attendees will reflect and create a customized toolkit of resources to increase engagement, efficiency, and develop modern skills for a global classroom/society.

Throughout the day, participants will engage in a series of immersive learning activities that will build an understanding of how to use technology to improve instruction and meet the learning needs of their students.

Note: This is an introductory course intended to expose teachers to Microsoft offerings for education. This is not a deep-dive instruction into any one tool. Additional trainings and resources will be provided throughout the day for educators who would like to learn more about the topics presented in today's training.

Featured Tools:

• Teams for Faculty and Staff

• Forms

• Sway

• OneNote

• OneDrive

Level 2 MIE Office 365 Academy

Duration: 6 Hours

This course is designed to give educators an understanding of how Office 365 can provide the right environment for better learning outcomes. With Office 365, educators will learn how to become more innovative with cloud-based tools, regardless of the device they use. It is aimed at educators for whom Office 365 is relatively new, but have been exposed to tools previously, and who are looking to implement solutions to classroom problems right away. This training will explore Office 365 through hands-on activities that will introduce educators to OneDrive for Business, Office Online, Microsoft Teams, Forms, Sway, OneNote and Class notebook, as well as get a high-level overview of other tools that can enhance a classroom environment.

Featured Tools:

• Class Teams for Students

• Forms

• Sway

• Class Notebook

• OneDrive

• Communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and classroom management scenarios

Inclusive Classrooms Academy

Duration: 6 Hours

Educators attending this session will leave with the knowledge that Microsoft's Learning Tools are going to help build a foundation for students' future success. Using inclusive education tools help students grow their potential and gain independence both inside and outside the classroom. Teachers are empowered to engage every learner when they have the knowledge of what inclusive classroom tools are available. And finally, schools build reputations as positive places that promote equity and inclusion, which is any school's end goal.

Featured Tools:

• Immersive Reader

• Dictation

• Math Tools

• Translator

Academies

MIE OneNote Teacher Academy

Duration: 6 Hours

Teachers and students will develop the basic skills needed to use OneNote as a productivity tool for both themselves and their students. Time will be devoted to assist a teacher in understanding how OneNote can be used as a true collaborative tool. Interactive lessons will be created using the tools in OneNote that will then immediately transfer to classroom practice. Finally, teachers will experience and discover how professional learning communities can be more productive when using OneNote to drive content delivery and creation.

At the end of the day, participants should leave feeling comfortable and knowledgeable in the basic skills necessary to be up and running successfully using OneNote in the classroom, and as a professional tool.
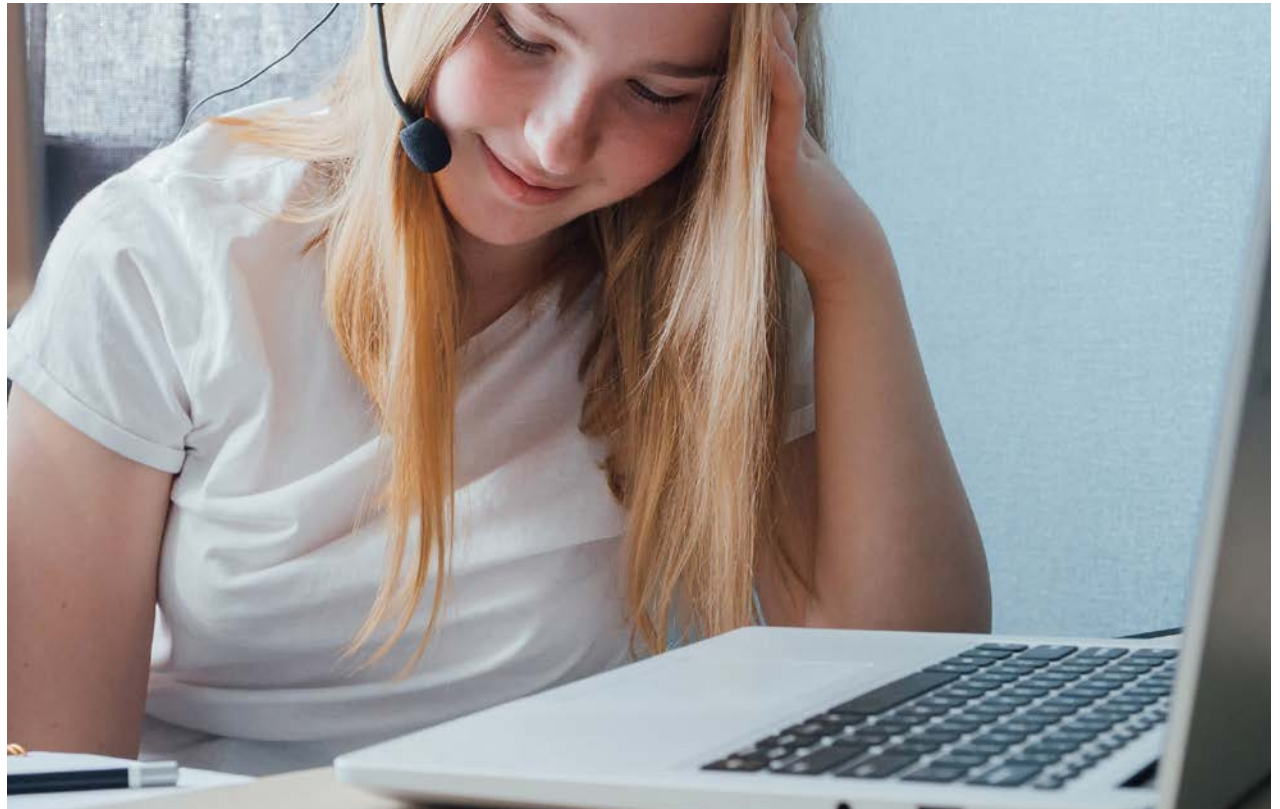
Featured Tools:

• OneNote

• Class Notebooks

• Staff Notebooks

Remote Learning Academy

Duration: 6 Hours

In this three-course series, teachers and administrators will learn how pedagogy needs to shift from the techniques used in a face-to-face environment and how Office 365 and Microsoft Teams can be leveraged to empower student-centered learning in the remote classroom.

Staying Connected: Are you moving from a face-to-face classroom to an online/remote learning experience? This course explores the considerations, procedures, and planning that administrators and educators will need to examine in preparation for a remote learning experience. As you take the course, you can complete an Action Plan template to guide your work and document your school's plan for remote learning.

Engagement: This course provides educators practical ways to organize their remote learning experience in order to foster strong connections between students and teachers and keep students engaged. Educators will learn how to use Microsoft Teams, Stream, OneNote Class Notebook, and Flipgrid to engage students and foster connections within the school community from afar.

Accessibility: This course provides an overview of all the accessibility tools available in Windows 10, Office 365, and other apps. The course has been divided up into six areas of need: learning, visual, hearing, mobility, neurodiversity, and mental health.

Featured Tools:

• Microsoft Teams

• Stream

• OneNote Class Notebook

• Flipgrid

• Learning Tools

One-hour Webinars

20 in 50: Twenty Ways AI Is Built into Office 365 to Revolutionize Your Productivity

Office has adopted the world of AI and uses this powerful technology to make educators' lives simpler every day. Get ready to see the top twenty things you didn't know Office could do that will blow your mind!

Featured Tool:

• Office 365

Administrators Lead the Way: Closing the Achievement Gap with Learning Tools and More

School leaders are called to provide a rigorous, relevant, and engaging education for all students. Microsoft provides free tools for meeting the needs of all types of learners that are built right into Office 365 and Windows 10, saving school systems from purchasing costly alternatives and implementing additional software packages. See how Learning Tools, OneNote, Translator, Office Lens, Recorder, Skype, and more can allow educators to facilitate learning with equity.

Featured Tools:

• Learning Tools

• OneNote

• Translator

• Office Lens

• Recorder

Drive Efficient School Leadership Coordination and Reduce Workload with Microsoft Teams and Staff Notebook

Administrators are called on to create and promote a digital age learning culture in their school systems but are often left without an effective tool kit. Staff Teams combined with Staff Notebooks offers timesaving, successful collaboration that is proven to reduce email churn and allow for positive staff interactions all year long.

Featured Tools:

• Microsoft Teams

• Staff Notebooks

Let's Team Up! Getting Started with Microsoft Teams

This session introduces Microsoft Teams and a walk through of its features and functionality.

Featured Tool:

• Microsoft Teams

S'way Cool: Elevate Student Voice Across the Curriculum

When students are given the opportunity to express themselves, they need creative options and a variety of formats available to meet their needs. See how AI supports the student's content through design and publishing process in tools like Sway and Stream to allow students to share professionally designed work without wasting time and energy on executive tasks.

Featured Tool:

• Sway

One Notebook to Rule Them All: How OneNote Class Notebook Changes the School of Learning Around the World

Students can collaborate, design, construct, plan, and curate in a tool that provides the features and options to be successful—and that's OneNote Class Notebook! With a teacher-guided framework that allows for content distribution, grading, LMS integration, and quick feedback cycles, OneNote Class Notebook is changing the scope of learning in classrooms around the world.

Featured Tool:

• OneNote

7 Steps to Make Learning More Accessible

Making a learning environment accessible for everyone is a must as today's classrooms are diverse and include English language learners and students with special needs. In fact, teachers already have technologies to help with this at their disposal. This session will help teachers recognize just how easy it is to ensure that all learning materials are accessible to everyone. These seven simple steps could make a significant impact for the people who need accessible materials.

Featured Tools:

• Office 365

• Office Lens

• Windows

One-hour Webinars

The Pen Is Mightier than the Keyboard: Benefits of Digital Inking Across Windows 10

Solving math problems or chemistry equations, sketch noting, annotating text, and memorizing language vocabulary—all of these classroom tasks are best achieved through pen rather than keyboard. Learn how the benefits of digital ink combine the power of technology with the brain-based science of the power of the pen.

Featured Tools:

• Digital Inking

• Windows 10

Track It, Quiz It, Flip It, Try It

Educators carry a heavy workload that shouldn't be made more difficult by the technology they use. Come learn how Class Teams give teachers a way to assign and collect work, give quick assessments, peek into student journals, and deliver flipped lessons with ease.

Featured Tool:

• Microsoft Teams

Want to Build an Inclusive Classroom? Learning Tools Is Your Superpower

We know how important it is for educators to design authentic activities that acknowledge and accommodate for all variations of learners. Learning Tools brings advanced accessibility options for a wide range of students with proven success in reading and writing achievement. See how this and other tools bring the content to the student while removing barriers to learning.

Featured Tool:

• Learning Tools

World Changers Unite! Level the Playing Field with Microsoft Teams and Microsoft Translator

Do you want to empower your students to change the world? Working together with people of all abilities through Microsoft Teams, students begin to appreciate the contributions of all team members. Learn how tools like dictation, Translator, and Learning Tools provide equity of access and opportunities for all students to succeed.

Featured Tools:

• Microsoft Tools

• Dictate

• Translator

• Learning Tools

Customized Session

This is a customized session to meet the needs of your audience. If the topic is not listed above, we can easily create it for you.

Featured Tool:

• Customized for your needs

Post Training Coaching Session

• Occurs after final training is completed, allowing participants time to play with tools (timing can be customized)

• Questions from participants submitted in advance via Microsoft Form

• Targeted audience: elementary, secondary, leadership, tech champions, custom, etc.

Note: 2 sessions included with academies; 4-6 sessions included with bundles

Featured Tool:

• Customized for your needs

MIE Bundle 1

Choose 3 Academy offerings

Duration: 18 hours of live training

Choose from:

• Level 1: MIE Teacher Academy

• Level 2: MIE Office 365 Academy

• Inclusive Classrooms Academy

• MIE OneNote Teacher Academy

• Remote Learning Academy
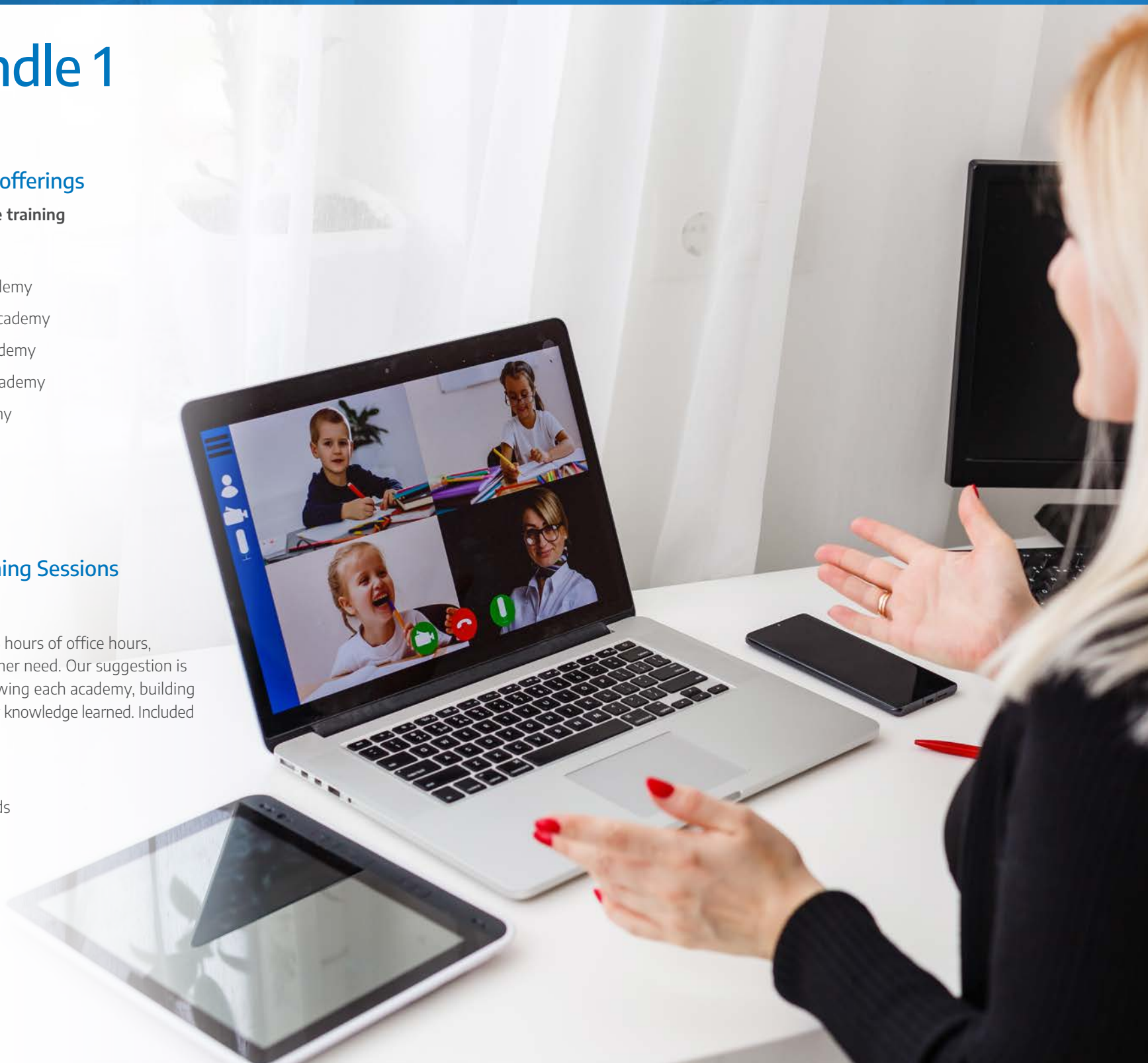
Featured Tool:

• Office 365

Also includes:

Post Training Coaching Sessions

Duration: 6 hours

Participants benefit from 6 hours of office hours, scheduled based on customer need. Our suggestion is to host 2 office hours following each academy, building in time for teachers to apply knowledge learned. Included in price.

Featured Tool:

• Customized for your needs

MIE Bundle 2

Choose 1 Academy and 3 One-hour Webinars.

Academies

Duration: 6 hours

• Level 1: MIE Teacher Academy

• Level 2: MIE Office 365 Academy

• Inclusive Classrooms Academy

• MIE OneNote Teacher Academy

• Remote Learning Academy

Featured Tool:

• Office 365

Webinars

Duration: 3 hours

–20 in 50: Twenty Ways AI Is Built into Office 365 to Revolutionize Your Productivity

–Administrators Lead the Way: Closing the Achievement Gap with Learning Tools and More

–Drive Efficient School Leadership Coordination and Reduce Workload with Microsoft Teams and Staff Notebook

–Let's Team Up! Getting Started with Microsoft Teams

–One Notebook to Rule Them All: How OneNote Class Notebook Changes the School of Learning Around the World

–S'way Cool: Elevate Student Voice Across the Curriculum

–7 Steps to Make Learning More Accessible

–The Pen Is Mightier than the Keyboard: Benefits of Digital Inking Across Windows 10

–Track It, Quiz It, Flip It, Try It

–Want to Build an Inclusive Classroom? Learning Tools Is Your Superpower

–World Changers Unite! Level the Playing Field with Microsoft Teams and Microsoft

–Customized Session

Featured Tool:

• Varies per session

Post Training Coaching Sessions

Duration: 4 hours

Participants benefit from 4 hours of office hours, scheduled based on their needs. Our suggestion is to host two office hours following the academy, building in time for teachers to apply knowledge learned, and host the remaining 2 office hours after the conclusion of the three one-hour webinars. Included in the price.

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