



BattelleforKids

SOARnetwork

2017–2018

For more than 15 years, SOAR has been a model for showing how like-minded school systems can connect, collaborate, and innovate to improve learning. We are building on this legacy and evolving SOAR as a network of Ohio districts collaborating to take collective action toward shaping 21st century learning experiences for every student.

Through the power of our network during the 2017–2018 school year, SOAR districts will be equipped to implement exciting new models of learning, and will lead the way for other school systems toward what works in this new era in education.



LEARNING NETWORKS



21st CENTURY Learning Design

Working with district teams and experts to develop new, innovative, and systemic models for learning with well-integrated content standards, 21st century skills development, and new assessment frameworks

LITERACY for 21st Century Learning

Working with district teams and experts to develop tools and resources for system implementation of coherent literacy models



- Coshocton City Schools
- Crooksville Exempted Village Schools
- East Guernsey Local Schools
- East Muskingum Schools
- Fairport Harbor Exempted Village Schools
- Franklin Local Schools
- Graham Local Schools
- Grandview Heights Schools
- Granville Exempted Village Schools
- Kettering City Schools

- Mason City Schools
- Maysville Local Schools
- Mechanicsburg Exempted Village Schools
- Noble Local Schools
- Norwayne Local Schools
- Ottawa Hills Local Schools
- Pickerington Local Schools
- Plain Local Schools
- Switzerland of Ohio Local Schools
- Triad Local Schools

- Coshocton City Schools
- Crooksville Exempted Village Schools
- East Guernsey Local Schools
- East Muskingum Schools
- Fort Frye Local Schools
- Franklin Local Schools
- Gahanna-Jefferson City Schools
- Graham Local Schools

- Grandview Heights Schools
- Maysville Local Schools
- Mechanicsburg Exempted Village Schools
- Noble Local Schools
- Plain Local Schools
- Rolling Hills Local Schools
- Triad Local Schools

Our Approach

EACH DISTRICT TEAM INCLUDES



SUPERINTENDENT

The superintendent is part of a learning network with fellow SOAR superintendents. Together, they will provide leadership that supports the direction of the work, and influence change in our Ohio school systems.

2017–18 Superintendent Chair:

Jeff Brown, Superintendent
Granville Exempted Village Schools



A CONSISTENT TEAM OF FIVE OR SIX MEMBERS

Including these roles, or a combination of these roles, dependent on your district:

- Elementary Principal
- Secondary Principal
- Central Office Leader (Curriculum Director, Professional Development Director)
- Three Teacher Leaders

THE RIGHT LEADERS

The benefit of a diverse team is that many hands and minds are better positioned to make a systemic impact. Consider the importance of leadership, communication, and collaborative skills and dispositions that are suited to help move the work forward. Do they:

- ☉ **Recognize and leverage strengths of others to build collective ownership and action**
- ☉ **Actively and perceptively listen to elicit diverse perspectives**
- ☉ **Act as a visionary who uses forward thinking to build momentum and inspire positive action**
- ☉ **Practice innovative ideas and commit to modeling and championing 21st century learning**
- ☉ **Have a willingness to learn, unlearn, and relearn**

SOAR Network 2017–2018

At-a-Glance

Kickoff Event

ALL SUPERINTENDENTS AND TEAMS

- SEPTEMBER 25
9AM–3PM
Fawcett Center at The Ohio State University



SUPERINTENDENT LEARNING NETWORK

IN-PERSON

Fridays | 8:30–10:30AM | Battelle for Kids

- NOVEMBER 3
- DECEMBER 1
- JANUARY 12
- FEBRUARY 2
- MARCH 2
- APRIL 6
- MAY 4



21ST CENTURY LEARNING DESIGN

IN-PERSON

Tuesdays | 9AM–3PM | Battelle for Kids

- OCTOBER 17
- JANUARY 9
- MARCH 13
- MAY 8

VIRTUAL

Tuesdays | One hour (time TBD)

- NOVEMBER 7
- FEBRUARY 13



LITERACY FOR 21ST CENTURY LEARNING

IN-PERSON

Wednesdays | 9AM–3PM | Battelle for Kids

- OCTOBER 18
- JANUARY 17
- MARCH 21
- MAY 16

VIRTUAL

Wednesdays | One hour (time TBD)

- NOVEMBER 8
- FEBRUARY 21

Celebrate Progress



JUNE 2018 EDUCATORS CONNECT FOR SUCCESS CONFERENCE

Share learnings and explore next steps on the journey

Intended Outcomes

TOGETHER WE WILL STRENGTHEN



COHERENCE

by working with school system leaders to envision and create aligned systems for 21st century learning



CAPACITY

by providing implementation support for the design of 21st century learning models



CONNECTIONS

by providing support for system leaders to engage the broader school community in capturing the collective aspirations for their students and their schools



21ST CENTURY Learning Design

Develop a system-wide implementation plan to engage all students in 21st century learning experiences.

Actively engaged district teams will:

ENVISION

the district focus on 21st century learning

BUILD

collective ownership through the learning network

CULTIVATE

understanding and action with local stakeholders

DESIGN

innovative learning models focused on deeper learning



LITERACY for 21st Century Learning

Develop a system-wide implementation plan to engage all students in 21st century literacy experiences.

Actively engaged district teams will:

ENVISION

the district focus on literacy for the 21st century

BUILD

collective ownership through shared inquiry with the learning network

CULTIVATE

understanding and action with local stakeholders

DESIGN

a system-wide framework for 21st century literacy

All SOAR Network participants will receive access to:

- Evidence-based best practices and national experts
- Resources and materials co-developed by the network for system-wide capacity building and implementation
- A network-based online platform to exchange ideas, test strategies, solve problems, and reflect on progress