

Ohio • Learn

A NEW online learning system available to Ohio educators through www.BattelleforKids.org/Ohio



Ohio•Learn is a NEW system available through the Ohio Value-Added Portal that provides Ohio educators access to personalized professional development. This online system is easy to use—offering any-time, any-pace, any-place learning. Following is a brief overview of current offerings and supporting materials.

Online Value-Added Courses

Ohio•Learn offers access to the online value-added courses formerly accessible through the Value-Added Learning Network (VALN). These online courses will help you to understand, navigate, and interpret value-added information to accelerate student progress. Courses now include new features to enhance your professional-development experience, including instructional video segments in some courses. For each course you complete, you can download certificates of completion and an overall transcript of all learning.

- Instructions to access Ohio•Learn and enroll in learning options are attached.

Ohio Value-Added Learning Paths

Battelle for Kids also is pleased to introduce our new Ohio Value-Added Learning Paths. Learning paths provide staff members at various levels with recommended professional-development activities that will best support their efforts to accelerate student progress. The first series of learning paths available to Ohio educators are the **Value-Added Learning Paths to Accelerate Student Progress**. These learning paths provide Ohio educators, at all levels, with the necessary training, support, and instructional resources to use value-added information to improve student learning. Each of the four learning paths involves completing online value-added courses through **Ohio•Learn**. Opportunities for optional, extended learning to deepen understanding also are available within each learning path.

- Instructions to enroll in learning paths are attached.
- A list of courses by learning path is attached and is identified in the downloadable Ohio Value-Added Learning Paths document on the Ohio Value-Added Portal.
- To download a document outlining each value-added learning path's activities, go to "Learn" under the "My Value-Added" tab on the Ohio Value-Added Portal.

In the future, learning paths addressing additional educational-improvement topics and tools may be available through **Ohio•Learn**. The ability to create customized learning paths for teachers, new administrators and other groups also will be offered to provide individuals with a professional development plan that addresses their areas of greatest need. Watch the Ohio Value-Added Portal for updates.

SOAR and T-CAP Value-Added Learning Paths

Battelle for Kids also has created customized learning paths for *SOAR* and T-CAP districts. These learning paths provide *SOAR* and T-CAP educators, at all levels, with recommended professional development activities that will best support their efforts to use value-added information, using the predicted mean approach, to accelerate student progress.

Accessing Online Value-Added Courses Through Ohio•Learn

To begin or continue taking online value-added courses or enroll in a value-added learning path, complete the following steps:

1. Access the Ohio Value-Added Portal at www.BattelleforKids.org/Ohio.
2. Log in under the “My Value-Added” tab.

New Users

- Click **Create New Account** in the New Users column under “**My Value-Added.**”
- You will be asked to enter your e-mail address and the district access code. This is the same as the district access code for the previous Value-Added Learning Network. If you do not know this code, contact your DVAS or Joanne Geiler at jgeiler@BattelleforKids.org.
- The system will first check for an existing e-mail address. If a user account exists, you will be directed to login. If you forget your password, you can reset your password using the “**Forgot Password**” link.
- If a user account does not exist, complete the onscreen account information to create your new account. You will be asked for the building (or central office) you primarily work in, your first name, last name, and to create a password.

Returning Users

- Enter your **e-mail address** as your user name.
- Enter the unique password you selected when you created your “**My Value-Added**” account.
- If you forget your password, click “**Forgot Password**” and then “**Submit.**”

3. Enroll in Learning (Course and/or Learning Path)

Enroll in a Course:

- To enroll in online value-added courses, click on “**My Learn**” under “**Learn.**”
- Then, click on “**Enroll in Learning**” at the top right corner of the screen.
- Select “**Enroll in a Course**” from the options.
- You are now on the **Course Catalog** page. To the right of the course titles under “**Actions,**” click on “**Show Info**” to review the objectives and prerequisites for each course. Then, click on “**Enroll**” for the course(s) you wish to take. This action will add your selected courses to your personalized “**My Learn**” page. If you have already enrolled in the course, this column will show “**Enrolled Already.**”
- Your “**My Learn**” page will show all of the courses you are currently registered for under “**My Courses**” and those you completed during the current year under “**My Completed Courses.**”

Enroll in a Learning Path:

- To enroll in a learning path, click on “**My Learn**” under “**Learn.**”
- Then, click on “**Enroll in Learning**” at the top right corner of the screen.
- Select “**Enroll in a Learning Path**” from the options.
- You are now on the “**Select a Learning Path**” page. To the right of the learning path titles under “**Actions,**” click on “**Select**” to review the objectives and description for each learning path. Then, click on “**Enroll**” for the learning path you wish to take. This action will add the courses that makeup the learning path to your personalized “**My Learn**” page. If you have already enrolled in the learning path, this column will show “**Enrolled Already.**”
- Your “**My Learn**” page will show all of the learning paths and courses you are currently registered for under “**My Courses**” and those you completed during the current year under “**My Completed Courses.**” When all courses within a learning path are completed, your learning path is completed.

4. **Begin Your Courses.** To begin a course you have added under “**My Courses,**” click “**Begin**” under the “**Actions**” column. If you have already started this course, this column will show “**Resume.**” If you decide you do not want to take this course, click “**Withdraw.**” Next, you will see the Course Syllabus, which includes all of the units for that course. Click “**Begin**” to review the Course Instructions and Course Objectives.
5. **Complete a Course:** Several courses offer the option to read the course content or to watch an instructional video. You can choose one or a combination of these formats to complete the course. To receive credit for completing a course, you must take the posttest and score a 70% or higher. You will immediately see your test results and each question’s correct answer. If you don’t pass the first time, review the course content again and click the “**Retake**” button to attempt the posttest again.
6. **Respond to the Application & Knowledge Activities:** Each course includes extended response questions that allow for reflection and will help you consider how you will apply this learning to your work. These activities are optional and not required to receive credit for completing a course.
7. **Print Your Course Certificate:** Once you have completed a course, the course name will appear at the bottom of the screen under “**My Completed Learning.**” Click “**Print Certificate**” under the “**Actions**” column to receive a personalized document confirming that you have completed this course.
8. **Access Your Transcript:** Click “**View Transcript**” link at the top right corner of the screen to review a printable completed list of courses you have included, including the Course Completed Date, Course Name, and Course Code.
9. **Access Courses You Completed Previously:** If you already began taking value-added courses through the Value-Added Learning Network, credit for your past learning will appear in Ohio•Learn on your personalized “**My Learn**” page.
10. **Graduate Credit:** Two semester hours of graduate credit are available for purchase after completion of the required online courses on **Ohio•Learn**. For specifics on graduate credit, visit the Ohio Value-Added Portal.

Ohio•Learn is free to all Ohio public school educators through a grant provided by the Ohio Department of Education. For more information about **Ohio•Learn** and the professional-development opportunities available to you, visit www.BattelleforKids.org/Ohio and review the information for Ohio Value-Added.