Highway to Harmony

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Start: Determine Course Direction

Innovative Programs
Common Core
Maximize Library Use
Meet Community Need
2013

FL: Offers full range of online opportunities
AZ, MN, UT: Heading that direction
LA: Coming soon, 75% of school districts offer online options
    Course Choice - blended learning
Outreach

Well-connected families
Churches
Facebook
Newsletter/Newspaper
PSAs
Step 1: Accelerate

Along Our Route

Engaging, interactive programs on multiple levels
2 hr. maximum program time
Pre-registration a necessity
Divide into appropriate groups
Same program after school hours for public school students
Step 2: Maintain Speed

Partnerships

4-H
LSU Ag Center
Jimmie Davis State Park
Trail Blazer Water Conservation
Parent Meeting

Held during activity
Informal sit-down
- Key challenge is choosing curriculum
- Homeschooling can be expensive
  - Tuition $300-7500/year
  - Materials $200-2500/set
Generate program ideas
- Group projects
- Interactive
Discover collection gaps
Library Resources

Books, of course
Databases
  - Mango Languages
  - HomeworkLA
  - Credo Reference
  - Literati
Special Collections
  - Circulating reference
  - Updated juvenile collection (states, etc.)
  - A/V Materials
Special Materials
  - Skeleton
  - USB Microscope
  - Tablets
Step 3: Maintain Speed

Activity Suggestions

Science Day
History Day
Literary Day
Bonus Activities
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Step 4: Visualize Goal

- Need a variety of age groups (as many as space allows)
- Utilize all space (even those you wouldn't normally)
- Plan sufficient staffing
- Notoriously late - need later registration/start times
- Partnerships are essential
- Refreshments are a magnet
- Once/quarter
- Be flexible
Goal: Enrichment Opportunities

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