



IHC | smartDESKTOP[®] at a glance

The quality of education that students receive has never mattered more to Indiana's future. Teachers and administrators face challenges such as accessing rich standards-based curriculum resources, aligning instruction to the standards, adjusting school strategies to help each student achieve his or her potential, and working with parents as partners. Most would agree that the challenges facing schools are mounting. Unfortunately, schools and districts are solving these problems in isolation—duplicating effort that could be better leveraged for improving learning. As part of its community-strengthening mission, The Indiana Humanities Council and its supporting organization, The Learning Collaborative, have undertaken a project to address these challenges.

With support from the Lilly Endowment, the US Department of Education, and State Farm, the smartDESKTOP Initiative is making a difference in Indiana by providing **an integrated set of tools for teachers**—tools that address the main challenges of schools. These tools are **delivered over the web** and with a strong emphasis on, and support for, collaboration. Using a common set of tools to address the mounting challenges, Indiana educators are connecting to each other through the smartDESKTOP and thus gaining access to a network of expertise that has been largely unavailable.

The smartDESKTOP allows you to place Indiana's academic writing standards easily into your lessons or assessment rubrics.

What you can do to learn more . . .

1. **Teachers**--Visit the smartDESKTOP web site: www.smartdesktop.org/ and get your free account.
2. **Administrators**--Call to schedule a demonstration and to discuss Desktop membership for your school or district.
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Benefits of Membership

Teachers . . .

- Time-saving tools—electronic lesson plan builder, grade book and curriculum resources
- Easy sharing of lesson plans
- Collaboration with teachers within and beyond school
- Easy management of academic standards, curriculum and courses
- Quick web-publishing of homework

Administrators . . .

- Instruction designed on common platform
- Electronic grade book supporting standards-based and rubric-based grading
- Streamlined school-based communication and document sharing
- Requires minimal IT support and zero hardware costs
- Reports for tracking instructional and achievement data

Parents & Students . . .

- See homework assignments and student grades online
- Access the same teaching and learning resources used in class to help student succeed

