

Southern Oregon Online School ...

THE BEGINNINGS OF AN ONLINE SUCCESS STORY

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Southern Oregon Online School (SOOS) is a Web-based instructional program providing online high school courses hosted and sponsored by the Southern Oregon Educational Service District (SOESD). It is a model that addresses the learning needs of students in a large rural Educational Service District (ESD) area that encompasses three counties (Jackson, Jefferson, and Klamath, approximately 10,000 square miles) in southern Oregon.

Butte Falls High School has joined with many schools in the valley to offer this program to its students. Carla LeFever, Social Studies teacher at BFHS, spent a year developing an online American Government class. This is her second year teaching online. This is also the second year that Butte Falls High School has been participating in this innovative and valuable program, which has helped to meet the needs of several of our students, including Caleb Moore, Josh Wetzel, Stephanie Hewitt, Kathi St. George, Kari St. George, Richard Jackson, Randi Pitts, Ashley Elmer, Dan Stark and Refina Azwan.

Initially, the intended audience for the SOOS program was students in grades 9-12 who had lost academic credit toward graduation for one reason or another and who needed a credit-recovery class. However, the audience for SOOS has grown to encompass all high school students in the region. By providing a basic course menu for Web-based learning from certified teachers, SOOS implemented research-based, online courses. For the 2002-03 school year, SOOS is offering a full menu of class opportunities to students across the region and beyond. Students in grades 9-12 attending high schools in districts served by the SOESD are all eligible to enroll in SOOS classes. Students outside the SOESD region should call to inquire about the availability of classes.

SOOS is one of a number of virtual high school projects across the nation that are pioneering these courses and adding to the knowledge base for online learning. The SOOS program has delivered high-quality high school classes online to students where there were previously limited opportunities in a rural area. SOOS teachers have effectively converted traditional classroom material into Internet-delivered courses and learned how to teach and communicate effectively online. The SOOS program has brought new learning opportunities into Southern Oregon communities and participating high schools, into the lives and teaching of the online educators, and into the lives and learning of participating students.

As SOOS continues to grow and develop, the SOOS staff will continue to focus on providing appropriate and effective methods of providing sustained, face-to-face contact for each online student, technical and academic support for online students while improving support for and communication with online teachers, local high schools and counselors. In addition, they will continue to develop effective online content and teaching strategies to meet the unique needs of online students, including the development of an Online Teaching Handbook.

For more information go to the SOOS Web site at <http://www.soesd.k12.or.us/it/soos> or contact Marty Karlin or Tina Mondale at 541-776-6759.

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