



## DISTANCE LEARNING

### **What is Distance Learning or Video Conferencing?**

Using video conferencing technology, two or more people at different locations can see AND hear each other at the same time, sometimes even sharing computer applications for collaboration. This communications technology offers new possibilities for schools to connect with guest speakers and experts, multi-school project collaboration, professional activities and community events.

### **Where are the Distance Learning Labs?**

GlenOak High School, GlenOak Career Center, Middlebranch Middle School, Taft Middle School and Pleasant View School for the Arts each have a Distance Learning Lab.

### **How were the Distance Learning Labs Funded?**

The Stark County Educational Service Center obtained a grant to place a distance learning lab in every high school and middle school in Stark and Portage County through Ohio's Office of Information, Learning and Technology.

### **Who would Classrooms Connect to via Distance Learning?**

Cleveland Institute of Music, Smithsonian National Museum, Cincinnati Zoo, and the NASA Space Center are just some of the many content providers which offer wonderful distance learning opportunities for students. Classrooms can also connect with other classrooms around the world for culturally diverse sharing of ideas, customs and information.

### **Why would Classrooms use Distance Learning?**

The opportunities for student learning are plentiful.

- Exchange of ideas/information with other students in classrooms around the world.
- Opportunities to ask "experts" in the field about specific content areas.
- Take virtual tours of sites around the country with little to no cost to the student.