

# Kan-ed Network IDL Enhances Positive Learning Environments

**Galena USD 499**

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Galena USD 499, located in southeast Kansas, uses the Kan-ed network for Interactive Distance Learning (IDL). Teachers in the district use IDL as an extension of their own classrooms whenever possible, which allows the students learning opportunities and experiences they would not have without IDL.

Part of the academic vision for USD 499 is to provide the curriculum and resources necessary to meet the needs of all students. Through IDL services provided by Kan-ed, they are accomplishing just that. Ross Bailey, a K-2 Science and Title I Reading instructor, shared, "IDL lessons are used to further enhance a positive learning environment for all involved in our district."

Bailey further commented, "IDL services have definitely been a technological motivation for our students and teachers to learn and teach in creative ways. Every [IDL] lesson I have been a part of has been a huge success. I am glad that I have the opportunity to be treated with such a service." Bailey also reported, "IDL has provided an opportunity to learn outside the box. It is an alternative way of teaching that allows teachers to break up the everyday routine. Also, it exposes students to the types of technology available to them for learning. I wish I could take advantage of it more often."

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IDL allows teachers and students to connect across the state and nation to develop partnerships with people and organizations that would not have been possible without IDL; partnerships have formed with organizations like the Greenbush Interactive Distance Learning Network. Greenbush provides content-based academic programs that are aligned to Kansas standards to 44 districts and 104 interactive video classrooms. The classrooms range from elementary schools to community colleges and Regents universities. Bailey said, "I have developed partnerships with Greenbush and the faculty that help develop and teach the IDL lessons provided." These partnerships provide educational services and opportunities for USD 499 students.



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