



Maine Department of Education Open Educational Resources Project Information Sheet

- OER is the acronym for Open Educational Resources. OER are educational materials and resources offered freely and openly for anyone to use and, under some licenses, to re-mix, improve and redistribute.
- The Maine Department of Education funded organizations throughout the state through Title IID Enhancing Education through Technology - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Competitive Grant monies to bring together content-specific teams to identify OER for Maine teachers.
- The content teams included Math, Science and Technology, World Languages, Visual and Performing Arts, Health Education and Physical Education, Social Studies, English Language Arts, Career and Education Development, and Career and Technical Education. Each team had members representing the nine superintendent regions.
- These teams identified areas of need and criteria important to their content areas to support the identification, selection, alignment, and tagging of OER. Teams either aligned OER to the Maine Learning Results or the newly adopted Common Core Standards.
- Teams that worked on these grants were made up of teachers, professional organizational representatives, and university faculty from around the state. Teams met using a variety of technologies. Some met in person, others met via Adobe Connect, Tandberg, or Skype. They collaborated and stayed connected using web pages, Nings, and Google Docs, to name a few.
- This work has been fun, with a steep learning curve. The processes to learn about OER, identify, review, and align has taken a lot of work and involved a great deal of discussion, problem-solving, and processing.
- Teams have gathered their sites and have posted them for people to access. Now it is time to get the word out and share with as many educators as possible about this rich resource.
- The Maine Department of Education is working to develop a repository to host all of these resources and to make it possible for Maine teachers to add or create more OER, share learning, and build a vibrant online community.
- To date these resources can be found on the bookmarking site Delicious at www.delicious.com/syntiromsn.

As well as:

Career & Education Development:	www.syntiro.org/oer/subjects.php
Career and Technical Education:	coming soon
English Language Arts:	http://tinyurl.com/oerenglishsite
Health Education/Physical Education:	www.syntiro.org/oer/health.php
Math Connections:	www.syntiro.org/oer/math.php
Science and Technology:	http://tinyurl.com/oersciencesite
Social Studies:	http://tinyurl.com/oersocialstudies
Visual Performing Arts:	http://tinyurl.com/oervisualperformingarts
World Languages:	www.syntiro.org/oer/languages.php

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