

Imagine Academy January Newsletter



Welcome back to a new year and a new Academy! As you might have heard we have updated the name of the IT Academy to the Microsoft Imagine Academy (MSIA). While none of the benefits or resources within MSIA are changed, this new name allows us to better align to all the educational offerings found within the [Microsoft Imagine](#) family.

Take a look below to learn about upcoming trainings, new curriculum mapping and access to free lab upgrades!

January Office Hours

Join us for this 1-hour office hours session to hear Microsoft and Certiport updates. Come with your questions and be ready to collaborate with MSIA teachers across the state! We will focus this session on becoming test ready, but will gladly address any questions.

Topic: IT Academy and Certiport Office Hours Webinar

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2016

Time: 3:30 pm, Central Standard Time

To register for this session go to:

<https://pearsononline.webex.com/pearsononline/k2/j.php?MTID=tfc721f2d8125f91460be493e2d00be52> and register.

Lab Upgrades!

Looking to certify your students as Microsoft Office 2013 Specialists? If you are ready to upgrade your curriculum but are still using Office 2010 (or later), look no further! You can now **download 50 Office 2013 ProPlus copies onto student lab computers at no cost!** Contact your CTE director after the 15th for the product key and installation instructions. They will be getting access to the keys via a secure SharePoint that MDE has set-up.

Microsoft® Office 2010 Professional or Professional Plus (SP2) - **32-bit only**
Microsoft® Office 365 - **32-bit only**
Microsoft® Office 2013 Professional or Professional Plus (**32-bit only**)

Please Note: All Microsoft® Office Specialist exams require a **complete** installation of the Office Suite on the local computers. Only one Office Suite version may be installed per machine and only the **32-bit** versions are supported. Installations must be patched to the Service Pack level posted in the details below.

Curriculum Mapping

Curriculum mapping is now available for the Business Fundamentals and Business Management courses. The mapping aligns the competency and performance indicators with MSIA curriculum resources. The mapping is attached.

Support:

If you have questions about the ITA program, email Megan at megan@vegaconsultingllc.com

If you have questions about certification, email Sara at Sara.cox@pearson.com or visit www.certipoint.com/mississippi

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