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## Minimizing Learning Tech Resource Costs

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## 6 Critical Dimensions of Digital Equity

- "the stuff": hardware, software & connectivity
- high quality digital educational resources
- culturally responsive digital content
- opportunities to create one's own digital content
- educators skilled in use of these resources
- leaders committed to assessing & fostering digital equity
- See Digital Equity Portal  
<http://digitalequity.edreform.net>

## Affordable hardware and software

- NICI's nonprofit Digital Equity Service Center ([www.digitalequity.org](http://www.digitalequity.org))
- Hardware and software co-op with Gov Connection & Promethean: price discounts deepen as co-op sales volumes grow.
- Bundled with exemplary instructional and staff development content (NICI Virtual Library, GLEF, NSDC, AT&T Foundation, Promethean World)
- Gov Connection pricing at 2% above their cost on all items
- Can create customized versions for ECIS educators and students
- <http://www.govconnection.com/IPA/Content/Support/Shipping/InternationalOrders.htm>

## Affordable digital educational resources

- NICI's nonprofit Virtual Library Co-op
  - \$12/person/year
  - ECIS discount: \$8/person/year
  - [www.vlibrary.org](http://www.vlibrary.org)
  - March 2008 Demo Log-in
    - Username: ECISdemo
    - Password: vlibrary
  - Endorsed by NEASC, National Staff Development Council, Assn. of Teacher Educators and over 20 other organizations

## Virtual Library Co-op

- Unlimited access from any location to:
  - Encyclopedia Britannica
  - Enciclopedia Universal (Britannica en Espanol)
  - McGraw-Hill's Encyclopedia of Science & Technology
  - Oxford English Dictionary
  - Wilson Select Full Text's 600,000 journal/magazine articles
  - Funk & Wagnall's Encyclopedia
  - Pointers to exemplary Public Web resources
  - OCLC First Search including World Card Catalog -- bibliographic info on nearly every item in print in human history with location of libraries housing each library for access via global inter-library loan

## Virtual Library Co-op

### Professional development for educators

- Rivier College (NEASC accredited)
- Online professional development courses based on programs validated by the National Staff Development Council
- NSDC's "Results-Based Staff Development Initiative" ([www.nsd.org/connect/projects/resultsbased.cfm](http://www.nsd.org/connect/projects/resultsbased.cfm))
- Graduate credit hours & CEUs
- Customized to IS educators' priorities

### Professional development for educators

- Exemplary technology integration strategies
- Online professional development courses developed by the International Society for Technology in Education
- Graduate credit hours & CEUs

### Professional development for educators

- Online course on "Building and Facilitating an Online Course"
- Based on the exemplary work of the Virtual High School
- Graduate credit hours & CEUs

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