

## For Parents -- Getting Started With INFOhio


INFOhio, is the state's "virtual" library and information network for all PreK-12 Ohio schools. And now, it's available to parents. INFOhio is just one more way you can help your children learn and succeed in school.

**It's easy to use.** If you can "point and click," you can tap into a host of electronic resources that are age-appropriate, curriculum-related, librarian-tested and teacher-approved. The information you retrieve will be useful and accurate instead of "surfing the Web" finding large quantities of unverified information. The 14 available databases include newspapers from Ohio and around the world, thousands of full-text magazines geared to the curriculum, as well as magazines you might enjoy, biographies, language arts, math, science, technology, social studies, foreign languages and more

**It's free.** There is no charge to use the service.

**It's always there.** Before school. During school. In the evenings. On the weekends. INFOhio is available 24/7. The INFOhio library is never closed.

**What do you need to get started?** All you need is a computer with Internet access and a user name and password, which is available from your child's school librarian, and the following tips:

<b>INFOhio Home Page</b>	To access INFOhio's home page, go to <a href="http://www.infohio.org">www.infohio.org</a> .
<b>INFOhio Core Collection</b>	Click on the Core Collection button to see the list and descriptions of the electronic resources. Click on the  button beside each resource to go to a <i>Help</i> page that includes getting started guides, links to tutorials, and other useful information about that resource.
<b>INFOhio Parent Page</b>	Click on the Parent button in the upper right corner of the INFOhio home page and you will find several resources just for parents: <a href="#">Homework Help Tools</a> -- tips for using INFOhio resources by topic <a href="#">HomeworkNow</a> -- a free, statewide online reference service available all day, every day to help with homework <a href="#">How to Use INFOhio's Core Collection</a> -- specific suggestions for various materials, such as encyclopedias, magazine articles and Web sites <a href="#">Internet Safety</a> -- links to sites that will help you understand safety in an electronic environment and what you can do as a parent <a href="#">Links for Parents</a> -- links to helpful information for parents of all school age children Keep checking back -- New information is added throughout the year.
<b>Core Collection by Grade Level</b>	INFOhio categorizes the resources by what is most useful and appropriate to K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 grade levels. Just click on the buttons on the home page to see the resources for the various grade levels.

**Enjoy using INFOhio!**

**For more information contact your school librarian.**