Interactive Distance Learning

What is IDL (Telenet)?

IDL stands for Interactive Distance Learning. At HCC, students in classrooms in different physical locations are connected via camera and television equipment. One instructor teaches the class to all participating sites. Students in each classroom can see, hear, and communicate with each other. Media and instructional methods which can be used in IDL courses include lecture, discussion, overheads, videos, and power point presentations.

Where can I take an IDL class?

These sites can be connected for classes:

- Highland
- Holton
- Perry
- Atchison
- Marysville
- Wamego

What are the benefits of IDL?

Courses which are not offered or which may not regularly make enrollment can be offered by connecting students for several sites. Students can attend class at the nearest site rather than driving to the instructor location.

How is an IDL class different?

The main difference in an IDL class is that there may not physically be an instructor in your classroom. The regional coordinator will assist the class as needed.

What skills and resources does a student need to be successful in an IDL class?

Before enrolling in an IDL class students should know how to access their My HCC accounts. Students need to have access to a computer with word processing software and the internet. Each regional site and the HCC library have computer labs available (Check with the site for exact time/day availability). Students must know how to use email, attach a file to an email, and operate a fax and copy machine. Along with being
computer literate, students enrolling in IDL classes should be confident, assertive, and motivated.