



Word of Mouth Web-Based Lessons: What You Need to Know

Web-based lessons have been designed to offer schools an innovative method for teaching the Word of Mouth curriculum. Each Web-based lesson follows the same objectives and content that has been developed for the teacher-taught curriculum. Four Web-based lessons for 4th, 5th and 6th grade are currently available.

Benefits of the Web-based lessons include:

- Improve student's computer skills (using the mouse, keyboard and navigating the Internet).
- Improve student's reading ability.
- Students can work at their own paces and can increase their ability to work independently.
- Teachers can track and obtain student's quiz scores easily.

General Guidelines for Web-based Implementation:

1. If you choose to implement the Web-based lesson in your area schools, it is necessary to check with the potential school to ensure the school has the following minimum requirements to complete the lessons
 - A computer lab with enough computers for each student to work individually
 - A minimum of Windows 2000 operating system for PC, or Mac OS 10.4 (or Mac OS X Tiger) for Macintosh running on the computers
 - Each computer should have Internet access
 - Each computer should have Internet Explorer (version 6 or higher) or Firefox 2 Web browsers installed
 - Each computer should have Flash player 8 installed

It has been found that if the schools do not have the minimum requirements listed above, the program lessons do not run efficiently and are not as effective for the students as they are not able to complete the programs in the short amount of time allotted for the lessons.

To download the web browser and Flash player, please visit:

- a. Internet Explorer 7:
<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/downloads/ie/getitnow.mspx>
- b. Firefox 2: <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/>
- c. Flash player 9: <http://www.adobe.com/products/flashplayer/>

2. If the schools are willing to participate and have the minimum computer requirements, it will be necessary to complete the Facilitator Account form found in this manual. Once the form has been completed, please fax it to the Web-based coordinator at the Cleveland Clinic, Kelly Salvatore 216.444.4952.
3. After contacting the Web-based Coordinator at the Cleveland Clinic with the school information and the Facilitator Account form, you will be provided with the web address, passwords and instructions on how to access the lessons.
4. The Web-based curriculum will only be effective when all four lessons within each grade are taught throughout the school year. Access to individual lessons will be provided only after its preceding lesson has been completed. These dates will need to be obtained and communicated with the Web-based coordinator in order to be given access to each lesson on the scheduled class day. The facilitator will complete a lesson plan for each class that will be participating in the web lessons. The lesson implementation form can be found in this manual. Once the form has been completed, please fax it to the Web-based coordinator at the Cleveland Clinic, Kelly Salvatore 216.444.4952.
5. We ask that all teachers complete the Facilitation Feedback Form that is provided with each lesson. This evaluation can be found within this manual. At the completion of each lesson, please fax the evaluation to the Cleveland Clinic. The contact information can be found on the Facilitator Feedback Form.