

## MMS Webinars Deliver Affordable Knowledge

It's a fact- MMS clients who participate in training webinars are the most successful at managing their student information. When schools have staff turnover, when new requirements are mandated, or when you need a refresher for annual events like scheduling and graduation requirement tabulations, you want training that is both efficient and convenient. MMS webinars to the rescue!

Computer Resources offers webinars on a wide variety of MMS functions and tasks- from recording detailed daily records to overall Student Information System maintenance. Since MMS webinars are offered throughout the year on a variety of focused 90 minute topics, many school administrators have discovered that a webinar subscription is the most affordable option. A MMS webinar subscription enables you and your staff members to attend an unlimited number of webinars for one fixed cost.

"With our MMS webinar subscription, my staff can participate in a training webinar at their own convenience without the cost of travel to a remote location," said Robyn Maghamez, Director of Technology for Northeast Bradford School District.

Maghamez's District has been using MMS for fifteen years. She encourages her staff to attend at least one webinar per week. "We like to perform tasks by rote, but when we do, we sometimes overlook the things that are in place to make our student information management more efficient. By attending MMS training webinars, we create a process for keeping my staff informed and up-to-date about the software's functionality," Maghamez said.

Ron Matchock, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction for Curwensville School District, finds that MMS training webinars are the key to handling staff turnover and refresher training. "I rely on the webinars to keep my administrative staff trained. Previously, when we have turnover, one person carried all their knowledge out the door with them when they left. MMS webinars get that knowledge back," Matchock said.

Like many school district administrators, Maghamez and Matchock use the MMS training webinars to refresh their staff's skills for the annual scheduling crunch, report card processing, and state reporting. "The webinar training reinforces what the staff already knows and allows them to review the procedures so these time-sensitive functions are completed by the most efficient and accurate means possible," Matchock said.

MMS webinars offer focused training with a live trainer who is ready to give instruction and answer your questions. "It is so valuable for us to be able to explore a topic with a trainer during a webinar instead of calling tech support with every little question we have," Matchock said.

"The trainers are so helpful," Maghamez said. "They not only give you all the information you need to know, but they also have good suggestions and offer best practices based on their experience with the software and their involvement in helping other schools." MMS training webinars are not like typical webinars where there is little interaction, or where participants simply listen to a previously recorded training session.



When it comes to value, a subscription to MMS training webinars provides considerable cost-savings when compared to a trainer's on-site visit or having your staff travel to a training location. The short topic-specific sessions make it easier for staff to attend. "With a MMS webinar subscription, I feel like I get my money's worth," Matchock said.

In addition to MMS training webinars, Computer Resources also offers conferences, on-site training and virtual on-site training, as well as a webinar-style Open Friday Forum that allows participants to direct the focus of the session.

"We need to work smarter, not harder," Maghamez says. "MMS training helps us to do just that."



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