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Self-Enrollment:

Getting into a course is *easy*:

- 1 - log into the site with **username and password**: email up to the "@" (you'll be prompted to change your password once logged in)
- 2 - select a course that meets your needs
- 3 - enroll in the course!

View the tutorial on the front of the site for a video tutorial on the course navigation process.

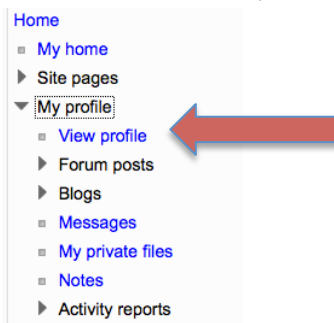
As you parcel through the course, it will be important that you keep a few things in mind. First and foremost, **read the course objectives in the course syllabus**, or read them in the [Course Objectives | Research | Materials](#) folder. Gather an understanding of the empirical research behind the course, the methods it teaches, and what the expectations are for completion. We are here to help you along the way - don't hesitate to contact Technical Support for any questions or assistance at literacysolutions.net@gmail.com or 845-380-3437.

- Review the **course tutorial** on the front of your school's site for an overview of Moodle navigation.
- **You will have 12 weeks to complete each 60-hour course**, after which time you will be un-enrolled.
- Complete **one module at a time**. The system will auto-check with a **check** when the requirements for each section have been met (reading, viewing, responding). 
- Some course elements are **optional** such as grade-band video and resources, in which case you can toggle over the check box and **self-check** to keep a record of your progress.
- Beneath the course objectives and research you'll find all the resources that align with this course, moving from theory to application. Be sure to save them to your hard drive, and/or print them out for use in your classrooms.  
- Participants receive their certificate of completion in the [final assignment](#) que once all assignments have been submitted and participation requirements are met. **Participation requirements: all video must be viewed, all books read, lessons completed in full, and final quiz taken and passed.**
- Please complete the Survey following the course. Your feedback will help us continue to deliver the highest instructional value we can deliver.

1. You may also view the tutorial on the front of the district site, locate course materials, review course objectives:

4. Set up your profile:

- Change your password
- Upload a picture
- Set up messaging capabilities
- View activity reports



- 1) You should have regular access to a desktop or a laptop computer with broadband Internet access. Having a computer at home is great. But, if you don't have one, make sure that you will have regular access to a computer lab or an Internet cafe that has Internet access. Broadband.
- 2) **Moodle for Android:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.moodle.moodlemobile>
- 3) **Moodle for iPhone:** Moodle works well (and best) using the regular browser on most mobile devices without any app. If you view Moodle using a phone, side blocks usually display at the bottom of the page. You will also be provided with the option to switch to normal view.
- 4) You should have the Mozilla Firefox web browser installed. If you don't have Firefox, you can download and install it for free at... [Link: http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/](http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/) Make sure to Enable Cookies in Firefox. To learn how to check this, follow this link... <http://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/enable-and-disable-cookies-website-preferences>
- 5) Chrome and Safari will also work with Moodle, as long as they are recent versions:
 - a. <https://www.google.com/chrome/browser/desktop/>
 - b. https://support.apple.com/en_US/downloads
- 6) Make sure that Pop-up Windows are not blocked. To learn how to check this, follow this link... <http://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/pop-blocker-settings-exceptions-troubleshooting>
- 7) Make sure that you have Adobe PDF Reader installed. If you don't have it, you can download and install it for free at... <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>
- 8) Make sure that you have Adobe Flash Player installed. If you don't have it, you can download and install it for free at... <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>
- 9) Make sure that you have a Media Player installed. An excellent free media player is VLC Player. You can download and install it for free at... <http://www.videolan.org/>
- 10) Make sure that your computer has an office suite, which is a collection of software including a word processor, a presentation program, and even a spreadsheet program. Microsoft Office is the most popular, but it is not free. If you don't have an office suite yet, here are your options:
 - a. Buy **MS Office Home and Student** version. This includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote. The average price is around \$150.
Link: <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/home-and-student/>
 - b. **OpenOffice.org** is a FREE full-featured office suite that you can install on your computer. You just need to remember to save your files as MS Office files.
Link: <http://www.openoffice.org/>
 - c. **ThinkFree Online** is a FREE, ONLINE full-featured office suite that you do not have to install anywhere. All you need is Internet access.
Link: <http://member.thinkfree.com/member/goLandingPage.action>
 - d. **If you have a Gmail account**, Google offers Office compatibility through shared documents: <https://docs.google.com>
 - e. **Dropbox** is a free service that lets you bring all your photos, docs, and videos anywhere. After you install Dropbox on your computer, any file you save to your Dropbox will automatically save to all your computers, your Android device, iPhone, iPad, and the Dropbox website. Files can be uploaded from your Dropbox when submitting assignments or to other places in Moodle where files can be uploaded. There are versions for Mac, PC, [iPhone](#) and [Android](#).
- 11) Make sure that you have virus and spyware protection installed on your computer. Even if your computer does not get infected, you can still spread viruses to others from your computer. If you don't have any virus or spyware protection installed on your computer, you can buy a protection suite or you can use a free version. Free versions usually offer the absolute minimum protection and they do not include any support. Popular brands include the following:

- a. **Bitdefender** - <http://www.bitdefender.com/solutions/>
- b. **Norton** - <http://us.norton.com>
- c. **Avast!** - <http://www.avast.com/index>
- d. **AVG** - <https://www.avg.com.au/>

12) Make sure to save copies of all your work. It is always best to type forum posts into a document, and then cut-and-paste them into the window. **Keep copies of all work submitted for your classes.**