

## Dual Enrollment Designated Online Courses

Distance Education, through a grant from the Niswonger Foundation, is developing a series of highly interactive and media-rich online courses targeting area high school students. Eligible high school students are recruited by Niswonger Foundation personnel to take these Walters State dual enrollment designated courses online. Because these courses are targeted at a different and distinct audience—that is, high school dual enrollment students—such courses demand a distinct manner of teaching: teaching that engages the student, takes account of his/her being a high school student, and is therefore media-rich and highly interactive. Faculty members propose to develop these courses, and over the span of a year develop the course with guidance from the Instructional Design Team and a set of reviewers: Quality Assurance reviewers, Appropriate Technology reviewers, and Niswonger Foundation reviewers. After a proposal has been approved for development, developers attend special training to develop these courses to ensure they can be taught by a variety of qualified instructors, to ensure that they confirm to WSCC standards for content and technical issues, to ensure that they confirm to standards published by professional organizations for online educators.