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# SHESC Messenger

## Offices Renovated with Updated Facilities

While SHESC's work has been mostly online since April, we have taken advantage of having physical space cleared of people in the Salina offices.

During the summer, 605 E. Crawford St. had a significant renovation. Among the changes were repainting walls in a blue color scheme; installing new flooring at the west entrance, snack area, and coffee bar; moving Interactive Distance Learning (IDL) to the main offices, and placing temporary clear barriers for physical distancing.

We are looking forward to being able to invite all of you to a big open house celebration when it is again safe to do so!



## Three Quick Tips for Using escWorks



Smoky Hill Education Service Center has a new system for registering for workshops!

escWorks is now the central portal for registration and managing events.

To help you become more familiar with escWorks, here are three "Quick Tips"

that answer some frequently asked questions we have received about the system!

You can learn more about the system and read a registration walkthrough at [go.smokyhill.org/escWorks](http://go.smokyhill.org/escWorks) or just go straight to the new web portal at [go.smokyhill.org/register](http://go.smokyhill.org/register).

**Quick Tip #1:** You must *create an account* and *log in to the account* to see your SHESC membership discount.

Otherwise, you will see only the non-member rate.

**Quick Tip #2:** If you do not find your school district (under "Site") and school when registering for escWorks, try selecting "Out of Region" under "Organization" first before selecting "Other" for "Site" and "School." Many non-member districts are listed under "Out of Region," under "Organization."

**Quick Tip #3:** Pay close attention to the "Session ID" numbers. Identical workshop titles that appear on multiple dates, but that share the same ID number, are parts of a single multi-day workshop.

Identical workshop titles on multiple dates that do *not* share the same ID number are different date and time options of the same workshop content.

Also, each workshop description will list all dates you will be required to attend.

### Professional Learning Opportunities!

September 1 (Zoom)  
SECD Support Cadre

September 10 OR September 17 and 24 (Zoom)  
McREL Teacher Evaluation

September 16 (Zoom)  
Book Study: "Limitless Mind: Learn, Lead, and Live Without Barriers" (First session)

September 17 (Zoom)  
Grading to Support Social, Emotional, and Character Development

September 18 (Zoom)  
Creating and Improving Your IPS/ Career Advising Framework

September 21 (Zoom)  
Shaping Formative Mathematic Assessments to Work for You

September 21 (Zoom)  
Book Study: "Scarcity" (First session)

September 22 (Zoom)  
Book Study: "Emotional Poverty in All Demographics" (First session)

September 23 (Zoom)  
Book Study: "Visible Learning" (First session)

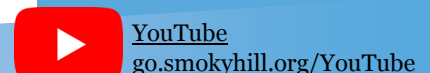
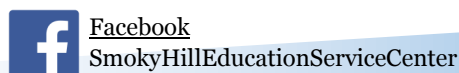
September 24 OR September 28-October 1 (Zoom)  
Project-Based Learning

September 30 (Zoom)  
Tech Cadre (First session)

**RELATED TO SEPTEMBER 18 WORKSHOP:**  
September 30 (Zoom)  
Follow-up Professional Learning Network (First session, workshop attendance required)

October 1 (Zoom)  
CHAMPS

VISIT: [go.smokyhill.org/register](http://go.smokyhill.org/register) for more information and to register for these events.



# Volume Purchasing Adds MERV 13, COVID-19 Products

To help meet popular needs and requests from the Smoky Hill Education Service Center Volume Purchasing Program, we have now expanded our furnace filters catalog to also include MERV 13 rated filters. SHESC also now has a special one-time catalog with products to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 that were not already easily available through existing suppliers.

Until now, the furnace filters catalog has carried MERV 8 rated filters. MERV (Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value) is the industry rating system for measuring how much and what size of particulates in the air a filter will remove. Higher ratings remove more particulates, down to a smaller size.

While MERV 8 does a good job at filtering out dust, lint and some allergens, the MERV 13 rating also reduces the levels of smaller particulates in the air - including smoke, smog, bacteria, and aerosols from coughs and sneezes that are primary carriers of coronavirus.

While these filters are not intended as

a single solution to prevent COVID-19 spread, they are an important part of a “layered” mitigation strategy, which should also include face masks, personal protective equipment, physical distancing, physical barriers, and personal hygiene. Through our punchout catalog with School Specialty and existing catalogs, SHESC is helping with the products you need in these categories as well!

As SHESC strives to “go the extra mile,” we have also bid out a new special catalog to help fill in the gaps on products which did not already have a reliable supply line. In this new catalog, you can purchase:

- Liquid hand sanitizer (1-gallon containers)
- Gel hand sanitizer (1-gallon and 1/2 gallon containers. The smaller size can be custom-branded at no additional charge.)
- Hand sanitizer dispenser stand (dispenser included)
- Foaming hand sanitizer (550 mL bottles)
- Empty, refillable personal hand



sanitizer squeeze bottles (10 oz. and 2 oz. sizes)

- Premixed disinfectant (5-gallon bucket)
- Disinfectant wet wipes (50-count soft packs or 70-count canisters)
- Youth-size face masks (cloth or 3-ply “surgical” style)
- Clear-panel cloth face masks that allow visibility of the wearer's mouth (adult or youth size).

Visit [go.smokyhill.org/VP](https://go.smokyhill.org/VP) for more details and instructions to enroll.

**NOTICE:** The Copy Paper Catalog for September 1, 2020 - February 28, 2021, will maintain current prices. We emailed a PDF to download and print.

*“This is a new year. A new beginning. And things will change.”*

-Taylor Swift, singer

## Workshop Covers Sensors

Improve students’ understanding of the physiology of various human organ systems through exploration and data collection using Vernier sensors. Register for the workshop on November 10 and receive the Vernier Go Direct® Physiology Starter Package, which includes sensors for EKG, heart rate, surface temperature, respiration, oxygen level, grip, and force and acceleration. Learn more at [go.smokyhill.org/vernier](https://go.smokyhill.org/vernier).



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## CTE Options Available

Smoky Hill ESC, in collaboration with ESSDACK and Southwest Plains Regional Service Center, is offering a variety of professional development opportunities to strengthen CTE programs. Professional learning networks and workshops will be available to improve your IPS framework and career advising, learn from and collaborate with special education teachers, develop or improve a Work-Based Learning model, learn what it takes to add the Health Science Pathway, and increase learning in anatomy and physiology with hands-on techniques. There will also be opportunities to explore assessments, credentials, and certifications for the end of Pathway; and to learn more about how poverty affects students. Go to [go.smokyhill.org/register](https://go.smokyhill.org/register) for more.

## Save the Date!

### Safari Adventure Scheduled for April 16, 2021

Safari Adventure allows students in grades K-7 to explore the Rolling Hills Zoo in Salina and participate in hands-on workshops! This school year, the event has been moved from the first week of October to **April 16, 2021**.

