



## Teaching and Learning Online with Secondary School Students

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- originally planned in 2000
- offered its first courses in 2000-01
- primarily “canned” courses, with some home made
- number of home made courses increases each year

## Mike and Jim

- taught in an online format prior to creation of IVHS
- asked to develop one of the first “IVHS” courses – AP European History
- have taught AP European History since IVHS began

## What Do You Want To Know?

This presentation will focus upon the practice of teaching online that Jim Kinsella and Michael Barbour have developed over the past eight years of teaching Advanced Placement European History together online, six of which have been with the Illinois Virtual High School. Their experiences include how they have been able to work together, having never met in person until two years ago, teaching in an online environment. It will also include various strategies and pedagogies that the two have developed during this time teaching a diverse audience of K-12 students from a variety of geographic settings; both students from urban and rural areas and students from different states, and even from different countries.

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