

USER FRIENDLY CONNECTIONS

We're here to help staff with their technology challenges.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- One-on-one or small group instruction
- Teacher in-services
- PREP & LEARN™ (learn at your desk during your prep time)
- Before- or after-school sessions available
- Half-day or full-day availability
- Summer sessions
- IT Consulting (networking, task and needs analyses, technology optimization)



Your technology assistance experts

USER FRIENDLY CONNECTIONS can help your school develop a plan for utilizing technology to assist with improving student achievement. Our individualized approach will provide a program specifically for your school, designed around the needs identified by the leadership team and individual teachers.

Take advantage of USER FRIENDLY CONNECTION'S unique PREP & LEARN™ system, or combine it with any of our other services to satisfy the individual needs of your staff and school.



What is Prep & Learn™?

The PREP & LEARN™ system can be applied to both teaching and administrative staff. PREP & LEARN™ was created by an educator for educators. State standards are requiring that technology and pedagogy be better integrated. However, educators have limited time and resources to devote to learning this technology. With PREP & LEARN™ at your side, technology can act as a catalyst that transforms the classroom into an interactive learning environment. Instruction is provided one-on-one at the employee's desk during the preparation period.

- TEACHER-CHOSEN TOPICS
- SELF-PACED INSTRUCTION
- MEASURABLE RESULTS
- NO TRAVEL NECESSARY
- NO SUB REQUIRED



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Meet IT Consultant April Miller Cripliver

Owner of USER FRIENDLY CONNECTIONS, LLC and developer of PREP & LEARN™



April Miller Cripliver has worked in technology education for more than 25 years. Her public school teaching experience provides valuable insight into the technology needs of staff in an educational environment. She holds a Master's in Career and Technical Education and a PhD in MIS (Management Information Systems). Dr. Cripliver is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer, a Microsoft Certified Trainer, is Microsoft Office certified, and has been awarded the Certified Technical Trainer designation from the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA). In addition, Dr. Cripliver has earned

the A+, Network+, Security+, and Server+ certifications from CompTIA, and is a CompTIA Subject Matter Expert in these areas. Dr. Cripliver writes a weekly Q&A technology column for *The Times* newspaper in northwest Indiana, and has helped countless end-users through CrossLoop (www.crossloop.com).

Elementary School Challenge

The 4th grade teachers are having a raffle and would like to send an announcement to parents using the data gathered from the student management system and Microsoft Word.

High School Challenge

A 9th grade teacher would like to post his math drill sheets onto the school's web site through the student management system so that students and parents have easy access to them.

Administrator Challenge

An administrator needs to create a document to send to the NCA/DOE at the end of the school year. The report must contain graphs showing school improvement data for the year in the areas of reading comprehension, writing, and math (problem solving).

Timely technology answers you need.



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HARDWARE SUPPORT

iPods • MP3 players • media cards • LCD projectors • flash drives • CD and DVD burning • scanners • digital cameras

INTERNET / NETWORKING

/ EMAIL / SERVERS

Email attachments • Survey Monkey • Web searches • online research • files to/from the network file server • downloading student and teacher tools • analyze Indiana DOE data

SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS

Word mail merges • Excel graphs and charts • PowerPoint for both student and teacher presentations • Graphics manipulation (adding, editing, scanning) • grade analysis reports from your school's student management system • templates and macros to automate frequent tasks • communications and forms for parents