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In a world where budgets are tighter and extra time is a highly sought after commodity, the use of OER (Open Education Resources) can be a game changer...and MOREnet is here to help. MOREnet's Missouri OER Commons Hub (<https://oercommons.org/hubs/missouri>) organizes the shared resources in easy-to-use sections such as:

- **Statewide Standard Alignment:** Core curricula within the hub are explicitly tailored to Missouri Learning Standards, allowing teachers to integrate resources confidently without guessing at compliance.
- **Dedicated Missouri Collections:** The platform hosts hundreds of localized resources partitioned into primary core subjects, including Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, English Language Arts (ELA), and Computer Science.
- **Global Open-Source Repositories:** Beyond home-grown Missouri materials, the hub integrates extensive, curated external databases, featuring thousands of ready-to-use lessons from providers like Khan Academy, CK-12, Code.org, and PhET Interactive Simulations.
- **State Working Groups:** Teachers can access and participate in active focus networks, such as the Missouri Proficiency Scales initiative, where districts upload, view, and share validated scales to harmonize grading systems across regional borders.
- **District Collaboration Groups:** Interactive spaces like the Missouri OER Professional Learning Academy enable educators from separate school districts to co-develop lesson plans, swap teaching techniques, and organize localized professional training programs.

The core mechanic driving the Missouri OER Commons Hub is its focus on remixable content. Utilizing the platform's native "Open Author" editing suite, users can download an existing public lesson layout, adjust the text or examples to match their local classroom demographics, and republish the adapted copy legally under Creative Commons licensing. This collaborative ecosystem transforms static curriculum design into a continuous, peer-reviewed improvement cycle.

As an association, SMCAA has partnered with MOREnet to promote the use of Missouri OER Commons, and especially the Scales site. To submit your Proficiency Scales to the mix, visit <https://oercommon.org/hubs/Missouri> and scroll down the page to "Missouri Working Groups." Once you have created an account, you can click on the Missouri Proficiency Scales icon and submit your scales for inclusion in the Missouri Proficiency Scales Collection. To view other submissions to the collection, visit <https://oercommons.org/hubs/missouri#district-state-resources> and look for the Proficiency Scales box. If you have any questions regarding the use of MOREnet resources or Missouri OER Commons. Please visit our Members Only Site, under the Resource tab and Membership Webinars dated November 2024 and April 2025 focusing on OER Commons and MOREnet Resources.

If you have any questions related to Proficiency Scales, how to access the site, or on setting up an account on the site, please do not hesitate to reach out to Al Richardson at arichardson@smcaa.org.