



Champlain Valley Educator Development Center

Collaborative Professional Learning to Support Vermont Schools

Shrink the Curriculum: Prioritizing What We Teach and Assess

Facilitator: Andrew B. Jones, Ed.D.

Target Audience: K-12 Educators, Principals, Curriculum Leaders, Instructional Coaches

Description: There is simply too much to teach within any given academic year. The constraints of the current pandemic are also making it a challenge to fit in everything we once could. Attempting to “cover the content” and rushing through units is just not sustainable. A breadth over depth approach does not benefit students and ultimately is futile. This workshop (two half-day sessions) focuses on the concept of a “guaranteed and viable curriculum” and how to prioritize what we teach, with the recognition that we have to let go of some of our content. By going deeper with certain concepts and providing students the time to meet proficiency, we can promote higher levels of achievement.

Participants will:

- Be able to recognize the shortcomings of a “breadth over depth” curricular mentality
- Understand the importance of a guaranteed and viable curriculum
- Become familiar with a process for prioritizing performance indicators and learning targets to “shrink” the curriculum

Instructor Biography:

Dr. Andrew Jones is the director of curriculum for Mill River Unified Union School District in Clarendon, Vermont. He is also the current president of the Vermont Curriculum Leaders Association (VTCLA). Prior to being a district administrator, Andrew taught high school earth science at Mt. Abraham UHS in Bristol, where he was awarded a Rowland Fellowship in 2015. Andrew is passionate about improving education systems to better meet the needs of ALL students, which means challenging some of the dominant conceptualizations about teaching and learning.



Dates:

January 13th and
January 27th, 2021

Hours:

2:00 – 5 pm

Location:

Virtually via Zoom
Total Hours: 6

Cost:

CVEDC member \$150
Non-Member \$200

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