



# Champlain Valley Educator Development Center

Collaborative Professional Learning to Support Vermont Schools



## Doug Fisher

### Skill, Will, & Thrill

#### Making Sense of Reading Instruction, Recent Reports on Popular Programs, and Comprehensive Approaches for Student Success

**Target Audience:** Literacy Educators, Instructional Coaches, Curriculum Leaders and Administrators

*Radically change the way students learn from texts, extending beyond comprehension to critical reasoning and problem solving.*

Is your reading comprehension instruction just a pile of strategies? There is no evidence that teaching one strategy at a time, especially with pieces of text that require that readers use a variety of strategies to successfully negotiate meaning, is effective. And how can we extend comprehension beyond simple meaning?

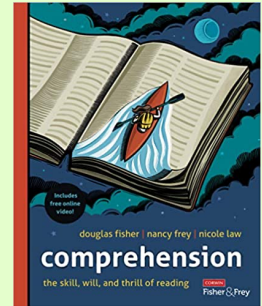
Join Doug Fisher as he proposes a new, comprehensive model of reading instruction that goes beyond teaching skills to fostering engagement and motivation. There will be time to discuss recent education reports on the efficacy of popular reading programs & Q & A.

Using a structured, three-pronged approach—skill, will, and thrill—students learn to experience reading as a purposeful act and embrace struggle as a natural part of the reading process. Instruction occurs in three phases:

- **Skill.** Holistically developing skills and strategies necessary for students to comprehend text, such as monitoring, predicting, summarizing, questioning, and inferring.
- **Will.** Creating the mindsets, motivations, and habits, including goal setting and choice, necessary for students to engage fully with texts.
- **Thrill.** Fostering the thrill of comprehension, so that students share their thinking with others or use their knowledge for something else.

**Comprehension** is the structured framework you need to empower students to comprehend text *and* take action in the world.

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**Date:** March 10, 2022

**Time:** 9 am to 12 pm

**Location:**  
**VIRTUAL** – a link will follow

**\*Cost:**  
Member: \$225

Non-member: \$250

**\*includes book:** Fisher, Frey, Law: Comprehension: The Skill, Will and Thrill of Reading