

Implementing VOCAL 101

VOCAL is a next generation professional learning experience for today’s teacher. By its very design, VOCAL encourages collaboration with grade or course colleagues, thoughtful reflection on practice, and learning through classroom inquiry. VOCAL is:

Differentiated

VOCAL enables individual educators to determine their readiness to implement VOCAL strategies and to customize their learning and application.

Collaborative

Small groups of colleagues may undertake a collaborative inquiry, deciding on how best to work through the course collaborate and share their learning.

Site-based

Educators in the same school or district may use VOCAL as the focus for their professional learning community throughout a term, semester or year.

Community-based

Educators who share a common interest (region, grade/division, role, discipline) may use VOCAL as the focus for ongoing professional learning.

Job-embedded

Learning is job-embedded, ongoing and focused on essential learning about curriculum, assessment and instruction.

Efficient

VOCAL learning occurs at the time, place and pace most suited to the needs of the individual teacher, school or district.

Affordable

VOCAL offers an affordable alternative to face-to-face, site-based professional learning events, workshops, presentations and keynotes.

Accountable

Administrators may monitor registration, usage, overall course completion rates and teachers’ uploaded reflections and artifacts.

VOCAL offers limitless professional learning options for educators and districts.



Differentiated

Self-paced individual learning and application



Collaborative

Classroom-based collaborative inquiry groups



Site-based

School-based professional learning initiatives



Community-based

District-wide professional learning communities



Job-embedded

Authentic learning and real classroom contexts



Efficient

Anywhere, anytime online access based on user need



Affordable

Economic alternative to exclusively site-based events



Accountable

Track and assess implementation, usage and effectiveness

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