

Formative Assessment PD– at a glance

Process, not Product

RIDE is developing an online professional development course on the formative assessment *process*. We are not developing common formative assessments.

Module 1: *Exploring the Foundations of Classroom Formative Assessment*

-What is formative assessment? How is it different? How do we know it works? How does it fit in with what we already do?

Module 2: *Planning for Classroom Formative Assessment*

-Learning goals, success criteria, learning progressions

Module 3: *Eliciting and Using Evidence of Learning*

-eliciting evidence using classroom routines, managing and interpreting data, adjusting instruction

Module 4: *Engaging Students to Take Next Steps in Learning*

-descriptive feedback, self assessment, peer assessment

Module 5: *Developing and Sustaining Formative Assessment Practice*

-pulling it all together, creating a culture of formative assessment practice

Blended Learning

We are using a blended learning approach, which combines interactive online modules with facilitated Community of Practice meetings at the school level. The online modules include direct instruction, video testimony from RI educators, video models of practice, assessments of learning, required readings, and extension activities. RIDE is developing facilitation guides to accompany each module that include talking points for facilitators, discussion questions, troubleshooting ideas/common misconceptions, and extension activities.

Wide Participation

All LEAs participating in RTTT are participating in this initiative. Urban and urban-ring LEAs have committed to training 70% of their core teachers. Suburban LEAs will train a minimum of 4 teachers/building. LEAs have a choice of whether they will implement in SY12-13 or SY13-14.

Additional Support

LEAs can choose to designate facilitators for this work at the school or district level. LEAs have local funds for this initiative that can be used for stipends and/or replacement costs.

For More Information

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment/Formative.aspx>

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