

Cape Flattery School District

Teaching and Learning Updates



Welcome to our Teaching and Learning Updates! It is our hope that by periodically publishing updates we can give teachers and administrators quick access to the most current information in the field. In addition, we welcome any ideas or resources that you may have and would like to share. If you would like to submit information to be published in our next update please email Kandy at kritter@cfds.wednet.edu. Thanks!

Open Educational Resources (OER)

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching and learning materials that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license. These resources may be used free of charge, distributed without restriction, and modified without permission.

As the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics are implemented, teachers are continually looking for instructional material to meet the new standards. Open Educational Resources (OER) may help fill that need.

Here is the direct link to the OER classroom resources:
<https://www.oercommons.org/>

Digital Library

The Smarter Balanced Digital Library is a critical component of the SBAC system of assessments. The Digital Library contains professional learning resources and instructional materials focused on the formative assessment process. The resources are created by educators for K-12 students and aligned to the ELA and Math K-12 CCSS.

To access the Digital Library go to the WACAP Portal
<http://wa.portal.airast.org> and “click” on Digital Library.

Formative Assessments

4 Formative Assessment Practices that Make a Difference in Classrooms

1. Clarifying Learning-what do we want our students to learn? (to know and be able to do)
2. Eliciting Evidence-how do we know where our students are in their learning?
3. Providing Feedback-how do students know what to work on next?
4. How can we encourage students to own their learning and become resources for their peers?

To read the entire article go to:

<http://info.nwea.org/rs/976-1YI-694/images/Formative-Assessment-Article-2.pdf>

Interim Assessment Reminder

Interim Assessments allow teachers to check student progress throughout the year, giving you information that you can use to improve instruction and help students meet the standards.

Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICA's) test the same content and report scores on the same scale as the SBAC summative assessments.

Interim Assessment Blocks (IAB's) focus on smaller sets of related concepts and provide more detailed information for instructional purposes.

Achieve the Core

Free, ready-to-use classroom resources designed to help educators understand and implement the Common Core and other college and career ready standards

Here is the direct link: <http://achievethecore.org/>

EngageNY

This website offers free Open Educational Resources for teachers to use including videos of classroom application of the CCSS. In addition, this website goes into detail on Effectiveness, Data Driven Instruction, and Parent and Family Resources to help their students at home.

Here is the direct link: <https://www.engageny.org/>

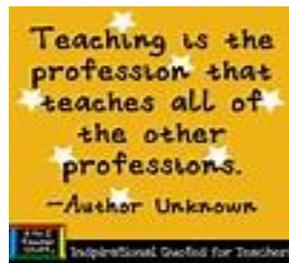
Top Books for Educators

The Formative Five: Fostering Grit, Empathy, and Other Success Skills Every Student Needs: by Thomas R. Hoerr

In this lively, engaging book, educators will learn how to foster the skills that today's students need: empathy, self-control, integrity, embracing diversity, and grit.

Partnering with Parents to Ask the Right Questions: A Powerful Strategy for Strengthening School-Family Partnerships: by Luz Santana, Dan Rothstein and Agnes S. Bain

Educators can build effective partnerships with parents who have not been actively involved in their children's schooling when parents have the opportunity to learn how to ask the right questions.



2 Excellent Resources to Improve Students' Writing

Create a classroom of writers!

Plan thoughtful argument writing instruction:
<http://achievethecore.org/aligned/planning-for-argument-writing->

Collection of hundreds of writing prompts/mini assessments and student exemplars to gauge your students' progress:

<http://achievethecore.org/catalog/415/ela-literacy-assessments>

Coming Soon!

The following resources will be delivered to your classroom soon:

Quick Reference Guides cover fundamental education topics in a handy format that's perfect for time-pressed study groups or individuals.

- **Everyday Vocabulary Strategies-** by Marilee Sprenger
- **Improving Classroom Discussion-** by Jackie Acree Walsh
- **Rubrics for Formative Assessment and Grading-** by Susan M. Brookhart