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The LIFT Program Business Ethics Curriculum Created by the Better Business Bureau is Free to Schools

This multi-week teacher-led and community-engaged course demonstrates to youth the importance of integrity and ethics and how these concepts impact them currently and in the future. The workshop and project-based learning curriculum offer an introduction to business ethics as well as personal character lessons. These lessons focus on topics like responsibility, character, values, and development, and the program concludes with each student presenting their project and signing the LIFT Commitment to Conduct. Let us know if you give this a try in any of your schools.

Content:

[Introduction to program and information on registering](#)

[Student Guide](#)

[Teacher Guide](#)

Genesis Group Updates

Teacher Recruitment & Retention

CREC Website Job Board

REMINDER: We advertise job openings on the CREC website and once a month, a job openings newsletter goes out to more than 100 agencies and higher education institutions, giving your postings a wider audience! In addition to the job board, teachers can submit resumes for superintendents and administrators to review. This is a great opportunity for our members to bring future educators into the amazing rural communities of Colorado!

To view our job board, click [here](#).

To submit an open position to our job board, click [here](#).

Student-Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP)

We are currently looking for ten new districts to join S-CAP which is at the forefront of peer-driven innovation in the accountability space. If you are interested in learning more about S-CAP or becoming a member, please visit the S-CAP website and plan on attending one of our School Site Reviews (SSR) this coming year. Look for the SSR dates on the S-CAP [website](#) and consider attending and bringing teachers with you. Teachers have said that attending an SSR is some of the most valuable PD they have ever experienced.



Did you know that S-CAP is part of the national conversation around student-centered accountability as a grantee of the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation around deeper learning?

The S-CAP program officially has a new website to showcase their work! Check out the new revamped site by clicking [here](#).

You can learn more about the S-CAP program and services offered by clicking [here](#).

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

School Wide Implementation of Random Acts of Kindness



Bayfield primary school is making sure their SEL program is going beyond the classroom with the help of the Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) curriculum. Grade level teams decided to work through the same units at the same time in order to keep a consistent message throughout each grade level. Counselor Jacqueline Juliana gave the grade level teams an overview of the units and the teachers took it from there, presenting the RAK concepts to their respective classrooms during morning meeting time at least twice a week.



Students created artwork that represents their interpretations of the concepts being taught through the RAK curriculum. The posters have been hung up in the hallways helping spread the culture of kindness beyond classrooms and grades, and throughout the entire school.

According to Juliana, the most significant outcome is witnessing students being able to advocate for their needs, resolve or avoid conflicts and employ the concepts of SEL. Juliana says they are just getting started and are very excited to see where continuing these practices will take them!

Teacher Leader Efficacy

The "Math Mentors" Grant is in full swing!

South Central BOCES, GSN, and University of Colorado - Colorado Springs, with the support of a Plan Into Action Grant from the Colorado Department of Higher Education, have partnered to develop a mentoring infrastructure to increase the capacity of in-service teachers to mentor early career teachers and pre-service teachers.

Both veteran and novice teachers meet monthly in a virtual PLC where they participate in low-floor, high-ceiling math tasks (with discussion of how to begin implementing and integrating such tasks in their classroom), collaborate on how to use data to inform instruction, and share strategies for addressing new teacher concerns. See more information [here](#).

Spots for SC BOCES new and veteran teachers are still available for the **June 10-13th** gathering! For more info, contact Angela Powers at powers-a@sc-boces.org.

New Rural Podcast: Redefining Rural

Sponsored by Colorado State University-Global Campus, *Redefining Rural* is focused on bringing awareness to the rural communities of Colorado in the education sector. Check out the first episode at the link below to get an introduction to the series and speakers involved in the discussion.

The show will air on Denver's Money Talk 1690 AM as well as on YouTube at cobrt.com/live.

To listen to the first episode or for more information, click [here](#).

National Forum for Advancing Rural Education!

This year's Rural Forum will take place **October 24-26** in **Louisville, Kentucky** at the **Louisville Downtown Marriott** .

Registration is now open for All Attendees. Two CREC Genesis Groups will be presenting their work, the Student-Centered Accountability Program and the Pathways to Prosperity Work-based Learning Group. Check out the Battelle for Kids website for all information by clicking [here](#).

To Register directly, click [here](#).

If you would like to join the work of one of the CREC's Genesis Work Groups, please contact Kirk Banghart at kbanghart@generationschools.org .

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Colorado Teaching Policy Fellowship Opportunity

What is the Colorado Teaching Policy Fellowship?

- A highly selective leadership opportunity for outstanding Colorado teachers looking to deepen their knowledge of education policy and gain a voice in decisions that affect students and the teaching profession.

- Fellows expand their influence without leaving the classroom, starting in August 2019 and concluding in June 2020.
- Three in-person training sessions, and online monthly virtual sessions
- Fellows receive training through expert-led modules and direct engagement with key stakeholders. No prior policy experience required
- Fellows receive a \$1,500 stipend for their commitment

Applications are due **June 28th**

For all the details and to apply, click [here](#).

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Initiative

This opportunity aims to provide teachers and schools with funds to help teach skilled trades. Prizes are awarded as follows, \$100,00 for first place or \$50,000 for second place and are split between the teacher and the school. To learn more about this initiative and the man behind it, click [here](#).

The application closes **June 17** and can be accessed [here](#).

Upcoming Events

S-CAP Professional Development Opportunities!

The Student-Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP) is actively looking for people to attend and participate as a Reviewer or Observer at the upcoming S-CAP System Site Review (SSR) events listed below:

June 13

SSR Summit 2019

July 23

Cohort 2 Orientation Session

Register [here](#)

2019-2020 System Site Review Schedule coming soon..., click [here](#).

To learn more about S-CAP, click [here](#).

Save the Date for the Rural CASE conference in Breckenridge

Pre-Conference **July 22-23**

Main CASE Conference **July 24-26** (catch our S-CAP session)

Reserve before **June 14** for the best rates.

For more info, click [here](#).

For Hotel and lodging info, click [here](#).

Contact Us!

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