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Create Your Own Integrated Unit



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Workshop Outcomes

- Be able to form an Essential Question that works for all subjects in your cohort
- Create a performance task that answers the essential question in your subject area
- Leave today with your own Integrated Unit concept to take back to your team

Overview of Leuzinger CCA

- Leuzinger CCA currently has 374 students of 1853 students at Leuzinger
- CCA integrates CTE, English, Math, Science, and Social Science courses
- Students are cohorted starting in 9th grade and is inclusive of SPED and ELL students.



Benefits of Integrated Units

- Makes curriculum student centered, research based, and rigorous
- When integrated with a CTE course, the curriculum becomes relevant to an applicable career field
- Students have a greater understanding of applying skills in the real world

Leuzinger CCA Statistics

+.18
GPA

For seniors as compared to their 10th grade year. Seniors have increased exposure to integrated curriculum in 11th and 12th grade.

+1%
Attendance
Rate

For 374 students as compared to 2016 attendance rate. 96% ADA up from 95%.

Essential Questions

- Focuses integrated curriculum around a central question related to the CTE curriculum
- Can be broad in order to fit all subjects in your cohort around a central theme
- Performance tasks can then be built around your essential question instead of your CTE course topic
- [CCA Integrated Unit 2](#)

Designing an Essential Question

Advanced Culinary:

Healthy Eating &
Healthy Life

Algebra 2:

Polynomials & Scatter
Plots

US History

1920's

Anatomy & Phys

Nervous & Endocrine
Systems

English 11

Gothic Lit: Dorian
Gray

**Do healthy choices affect our
minds?**

LET'S MAKE AN ESSENTIAL QUESTION

15 Minutes

Use the next 15 minutes to work with a group of educators to form an essential question over multiple subjects

Creating Performance Tasks

- Culminating project for an Integrated Unit that is rigorous and applicable
- Assesses the mastery of the essential question by a student over the course of multiple weeks
- Should not be a one day assignment, it should require knowledge of the entire unit and all lessons should include learning targets to complete the performance tasks
- [CCA Integrated Unit 2](#)

LET'S CREATE PERFORMANCE TASKS

15 Minutes

Use the next 15 minutes to create a performance task that answers the Essential Question in your subject area. This performance task should not be a one day assignment. It should be a task that requires knowledge from the entire unit.

INTEGRATING TECHNICAL CONTENT

- Career and Technical Education is one of the 4 Essential Elements of #Linkedlearning and integrating technical content is necessary in core classes
- Students will be applying CTE skills/knowledge to complete tasks
- Increases student motivation and accountability to complete performance tasks in core classes
- [CCA Integrated Unit 2](#)
- [Student Evidence](#)

INTEGRATE TECHNICAL CONTENT AS WELL

15 Minutes

Programs that integrate curriculum with CTE courses see the most benefits when each core class integrates technical content as well. Plan out how your core class will integrate CTE curriculum.

References to Integrated Unit Studies

- *There is a strong push to involve students in their learning, to let them create their own understanding, to encourage critical thinking, and to increase students' responsibility in schooling. Integrated curriculum translates this theory into practice.*
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Thank you!



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