


Are You Ready for 2014–2015? Top Tips to Get Teachers Started

1. **Review, collaborate, implement.** You and your colleagues should carefully review the “crosswalks” that compare Ohio’s new College and Career Ready Standards to the existing state standards. While the curriculum does not change until 2013-2014, the time to start revising your instructional practices is today. Reach these crosswalks and comparison documents by clicking on each of the core subject model curricula listed at the link below. Start with the K-2 standards, which should be implemented immediately. <http://standardscrosswalks.education.ohio.gov>
2. **Develop professionally.** Actively participate in training sessions offered by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) or job-embedded professional development opportunities offered by your school, district or local Educational Service Center (ESC), or professional association. Register via STARS or a local provider, including your ESC.
3. **Analyze data.** Do a deep dive into assessment data about your students. What do your students know? What content have they mastered? What areas, if any, provide opportunities for growth? Look to schools implementing effective practices that are doing well and collaborate to learn from them.
4. **Assess and refine.** Ensure both formative and summative classroom assessment practices are taking place. Assess the quality of student responses to assessment questions in all content areas. Actively reflect with students on the quality of responses provided to ensure an accurate understanding of content acquired.
5. **Use technology.** Embrace technology for student learning. Talk with your students, faculty, staff and parents about responsible use of technology to enhance student learning. Be a role model by using technology yourself.
6. **Engage on evaluation.** Start talking with teachers, administrators and School/Governing Board members about creating educator evaluation systems that align to the frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. Review and actively discuss the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System with your administration/and or board to help inform their policy-making decisions required by statute for evaluation. <http://evaluation.education.ohio.gov>

Consult with your administration to send a teacher delegate to the FREE ODE Educator Evaluation Symposium on May 25, 2012, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. <http://ohioeducatoreval.wordpress.com/>

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