



CCSS Resource of the Month: Quality Review Rubric

It is clear that the Common Core will impact both the content of instruction and teacher practice. Much of what teachers already do is reflected in the Common Core; however, the rigor and depth of the standards make it necessary for teachers to examine both content and practice in light of the shifts that the Common Core requires.

The Quality Review Rubric (QRR) was developed through a collaborative state effort as a way to provide a common language for educators to evaluate the quality of lessons and units intended to address the Common Core State Standards. The rubric is designed to evaluate existing lessons and units, as well as provide guidance on designing new lessons and selecting instructional materials.

The rubric includes four dimensions:

Dimension 1: Alignment to the Depth of the CCSS - Is the lesson aligned to the standards? Does it engage students with the appropriate level of text complexity?

Dimension 2: Key Shifts in the CCSS - How does the lesson address the shifts the Common Core requires?

Dimension 3: Instructional Supports – How is the lesson responsive to varied learning needs?

Dimension 4: Assessment – How does the lesson assess whether students are mastering standards-based content and skills?

In the words of Sue Pimentel, one of the designers of the CCSS for ELA and Literacy, the rubric is meant to point out “What makes this a Common Core lesson?”

A team of Oregon educators has been involved in providing feedback on the rubric as well as learning how to take the Quality Review tools, training, and processes back to their states to increase the capacity of their teachers and districts to use the QRR. Several training sessions are in development along with “train the trainer” materials.

You can access the rubrics for both Math and ELA & Literacy as well as “Response Forms” that allow reviewers to make comments on each dimension at:

<http://www.achieve.org/EQULP>. This link is also included in the “Resources” section of the CCSS Toolkit.

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Resources from Educator Effectiveness Regional Workshops Online

During March and April a series of regional workshops were held around the state to support districts as they develop their Educator Evaluation and Support Systems. All of the training materials, including PowerPoints and handouts, are posted on the Regional Workshop web page: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=3872>

The April workshop, focused on gathering evidence, observations and feedback, was designed using a “train the trainer” format, and included Facilitator Guides, presentation PowerPoints, and participant handouts.

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New Round of 21st CCLC Grants Available

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) has opened the next competition for \$9.5 million in funds for 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) grants. Eligible entities include, but are not limited to, school districts, education service districts, community colleges, faith-based and community organizations, charter schools and city and county agencies. Schools and community organizations are encouraged to apply as partners. The 21st CCLC 2013 request for proposal and application are posted on ODE’s 21st CCLC website: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=108>

A technical assistance webinar will be held on Monday, May 6, 2013 from 9-10:30 am. Webinar access information is available [here](#).

Additional assistance may be obtained by contacting Pete Ready at: Pete.Ready@state.or.us (503) 947-5785.

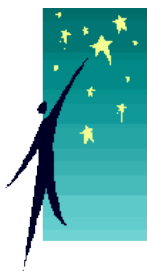
21st CCLC Grant Peer Reviewers Recruitment

The 21st Century Community Learning Center team at the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is seeking peer reviewers (field readers) to read and evaluate grant applications submitted under the program’s grant competition. For further information, please visit the website at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=2028> and select the links under **Grant Peer reviewers Resources**. Contact: Pete Ready - Pete.Ready@state.or.us (503) 947-5785

New Charter School Operator Workshop

The Oregon Department of Education will be hosting this event to support new charter schools planning to open this fall, charter school administrators new to their role, new charter school board members, and school district charter school liaisons. Topics will include special education, English language learners, state school funding, federal highly qualified to teach requirements, teacher qualifications, and more.

- [Event Announcement](#)
- [Event Flyer](#)
- [Registration](#)



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Boosting Oregon’s Teacher Recognition Programs: We need your help!

The Oregon Department of Education is seeking nominations for educator recognition programs including Oregon Teacher of the Year. There are so many amazing, life-changing teachers in our state and we need your help identifying them. To nominate a teacher for Teacher of the Year or other recognition opportunities, fill out the [Talent Pool Recommendation Form](#). To be considered for the 2014 Teacher of the Year, nominations must be submitted by May 31, 2013.

Indistar® Spring Training Sessions Coming Soon!

Join us as we delve into Indistar®, a web-based tool that will guide your **school teams** in creating comprehensive achievement plans (CAPs) and managing the continuous improvement process or your **district team** as it prepares their next Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP).

District-level Team Training will be held at each site from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

School-level Team Training will be held at each site from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Indicators and the focus of each training are specific to either district or school-level teams. If you choose to participate in both trainings, you must register for each training separately at:

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/news/events/>.

All trainings are being offered at five sites around the state at no charge! Training sites include:

- Bend (May 7): Bend-LaPine SD-Ed. Center/Board Room 314, 520 NW Wall St., Bend
- Medford (May 15): Southern OR ESD/Upstairs Board Room, 101 N Grape St., Medford
- Salem (May 20): Chemeketa CC-Winema Bldg. 48/Room 202, 4200 Winema Place NE, Salem
- Portland (May 22): Multnomah ESD/Auditorium E & W, 11611 NE Ainsworth Cir., Portland
- Newport (May 23): Yaquina View (previously the elementary school), Conf. Room “L” (The View Room), 351 SE Harney St., Newport

For District Team Trainings:

8:30 AM to 9:00 AM:	Sign-in and Team Setup
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM:	Team Training Activities

Please bring a district team of 3-5 members representing the various roles of support for the district (e.g., superintendent, curriculum director, special programs including Title I, ELL, Educator Effectiveness, TAG, Special Education, IT).

Hands-on activities will have your **district's team** discussing indicators and CIP requirements while learning to create and monitor the **district's** electronic CIP using the Indistar® tool.

District teams will:

- Learn about the Indistar® planning tool and effective district planning processes.
- Input or update district information.
- Assess indicators to identify where your district is today.
- Write measurable tasks addressing assessed indicators/objectives.
- Review school reports, indicators, objectives and tasks.
- Utilize a variety of reports for communicating the plan and its progress.
- Monitor plan implementation and progress on task completion.

Indistar® Spring Training Sessions Continued...

For School Team Trainings:

- 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM: Sign-in and Team Setup
- 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM: Team Training Activities

Please bring a **school team** of 3-5 members representing the various roles of support for the school (e.g., the school principal, 1-2 teachers involved in school improvement efforts, a curriculum specialist, a leadership coach, or a district representative).

Hands-on activities during this workshop will have your **school team** discussing indicators and characteristics of effective planning. You will also learn how to create and monitor **school plans** using the Indistar® tool. This workshop is of value for all schools and will also address Title I-A Schoolwide Planning within the Indistar® tool.

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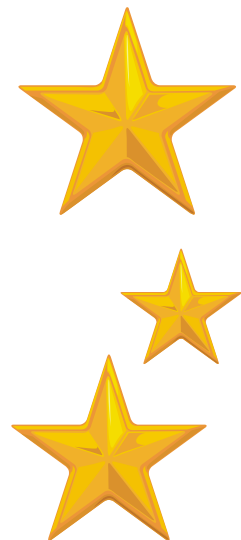
Workshop Pre-Requisites for Both Trainings:

1. At least 1 laptop computer and a power strip per team. Additional computers and iPads may be used.
2. Any of the following options so that your team can see what you are working on:
 - a. Share screens with www.joinme.com.
 - b. Download Screenleap extension for Chrome/Gmail.
 - c. Bring a Projector.
 - d. Hunker down around a laptop!

Register TODAY at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/news/events/>.

Any Questions?

- For assistance with **registration**, please contact Stacie Ankrum at: stacie.ankrum@state.or.us or call 503.947.5633.
- For questions about **Indistar®**, please contact Carla Wade at: carla.wade@state.or.us or call 503.947.5631.



2013 Summer Trainings – Office of Educational Improvement & Innovation

The 2013 Malheur Summer Institute, ESEA Odyssey and School Improvement trainings will include ODE presenters and workshop topics such as:

School Level Planning with Indistar®	Highly-Qualified Teachers
Response to Intervention	Title IA Basics
Budget Narratives	Homeless Education
School Support Teams	STEM
Digital Learning	Educator Effectiveness
Federal Program Compliance Monitoring	Family Involvement

2013 Malheur Regional Summer Institute

- July 22-25, 2013 (ODE workshops July 23-24, 2013)
- Four Rivers Cultural Center & Ontario Middle School - Ontario, OR
- No cost for training. Lunch provided daily to registrants.
- Registration is required with Malheur ESD: <http://www.malesd.k12.or.us/>
- Contact: Helen.Thomas@malesd.k12.or.us
- Local Lodging Suggestion: [Holiday Inn Express - Ontario](#)

2013 ESEA Odyssey Trainings:

August 6-8
Riverhouse Conference Center
Bend, OR
www.riverhouse.com

August 13-15
Portland Airport Sheraton
Portland, OR
www.sheratonportlandairport.com

Odyssey Day 1:

AM - Priority & Focus Schools
PM - Educator Effectiveness

Odyssey Days 2 & 3:

ESEA Topic Workshops

These trainings will be provided at no cost, but registration is required. Lunch will be provided daily to registrants. Registration for the Bend and Portland Odyssey trainings will open in May on the ODE website at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/news/events/>

ODE Contact: Dona.Bolt@state.or.us or 503-947-5781.

District ELL Plans for 2013-15

Districts are required to submit an ELL plan this year. [Click here](#) to access training materials.

Plans are due **Friday, May 31, 2013**. Please submit an electronic copy to [Leslie Casebeer](#). If you have questions or need technical assistance, please contact [Kim Miller](#); 503-947-5712.