

Clackamas Middle College Dissemination Grant



Purpose of the Dissemination

Policymakers and state leaders have long contended that charter schools could drive change and improvement in the larger public school system by serving as models or laboratories of reform. This new grant opportunity supports charter schools' efforts

1. to form bridges with the larger system;
2. to share best practices and insights;
3. to transform specific successes and lessons learned into broader reforms.

Benefits of the Dissemination Grant

Symposium - a conference at which experts or academics discuss particular subjects

- The CMC Dissemination project will meet unique needs of charter schools in Oregon through symposiums offered throughout the year.
- Each symposium will be designed to share CMC's best practices and experiences. The participating schools will leave the symposiums with an action plan for implementing the best practices shared in their own school.
- The overall goal of the symposiums and the developed action plans is to increase school and student performance. Participating schools will have resources and ongoing support through the CMC Best Practices' Website in helping to reach this goal within their own schools.

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- The symposiums will open with a journey map activity which will help those associated with CMC identify the path it has taken and give the school a clearer image of the path it is on and will take in the future. Participating schools will also take part in this journey map exercise.
- CMC will create best practice guides for each symposium and post them on their website. These evolving guides will not only serve as a education tool for teachers within the building, but they will help the partnering schools who attend each symposium.
- The CMC website will serve as a communication tool with partnering schools, but will also serve as a marketing tool and communication tool within the school itself and with the community.
- CMC will collaborate with other schools in the state to form an ongoing relationship to ensure growth and increased school and student performance.

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The major costs associated with the project are:

● **For development of the website**

- The costs of the website will decrease significantly following the initial development activities. Maintaining the site will be a priority for CMC in the coming years.

● **Preparation/Implementation of the symposiums**

- This includes costs for each visiting school team of four (travel, lodging and per diem) so as to reduce any barriers for partnership schools to participate in the symposiums.

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Other costs associated with the project are:

● Documentation Activities

- Staff time for development of best practice guides and website materials; guide production: paper, folders, color printing

● Dissemination Activities

- Three-Four staff members to present at conferences/seminars in order to create a partnership with other schools and share the success of disseminating best practices
- To disseminate best practices with other schools in order to complete the dissemination goals and objectives

Clackamas Middle College Best Practices

Key features ("Signature") of our school:

Administrators and Counselors

- Finance and operations
- Connecting and collaborating with colleges
- Programs within a middle college
- Scheduling and advising

Teachers

- Paideia Seminar
- Student Achievement Plans
- Project-Based Learning/Integration/Team Teaching
- Expanded Learning Community (YTA)/(Senior Internship)