Getting Started

Working with materials from
Community Voices &
Character Education
Steps to Take

1. Create Design Team
2. Needs Assessment
3. Create a vision
4. Integrate Findings
5. Plan Curriculum
6. Design Lessons
7. Implement Plan
8. Review Success

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Create Local Design Team

- Include all levels of staff
- Include community members
- Include parents
- Include students

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Step One
Take Needs Assessment

- Student perceptions of needs
- Community perceptions of needs
- Climate of classroom & school

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Step Two
Create a Team Vision

• What is the end result we want?
• What is current reality—now?
• What steps do we need to take to get to our desired end result?
• How will we know our actions are working?
• What are we learning?

Would another approach work better?

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How do we know we are on track?
Local Team Integrates Findings
(your vision and needs assessments)

- Prioritize needs
- Decide on which skills to emphasize
- Create long-term plan

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Step Four
Plan Curriculum

- Implement in every discipline
- Integrate across academic disciplines
- Implement in every aspect of schooling
- Create an action plan for year

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Step Five
Design Lessons

- Use CVCE teacher guidebooks for ideas
  - Activities, Assessments, Climate
- Integrate lesson activities with the ways the community expresses its values
- Select student progress measures

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Step Six
Implement

- Keep track of lesson success
- Have students monitor own success
- Make changes to plans as needed
Review Success

- Survey opinions of all stakeholders
- Assess overall student progress

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Step Eight
Review of Steps

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Time to Get Started!

• Stay in touch with your CVCE contact
• Stay in touch with other implementors
  – Use the website http://cfl.state.mn.us/charactered/

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