

Minnesota River Valley Education District

Best Practices Meetings and Team Members

Purpose of MRVED Best Practices meetings:

- Prepare the BP team members to lead the curriculum review and development process in their district.
 - Mapping of standards
 - K-12 alignment of standards
 - Tasks as listed on the review cycle
 - Data driven instruction
 - Development of assessments
- Encourage professional networking with educators from other districts and look for opportunities to collaborate.
- Read and discuss current research to increase student achievement in the content area.
- Learn about new instructional strategies and /or technology along with approaches for classroom implementation.
- Capitalize on opportunities to bring in specialists.

Expectations of Best Practices Team Members:

- To understand the big picture.
- Come with an open mind.
- Represent your district and be prepared.
 - Bring and share resources.
 - Share student work and lessons that are working for you.
 - Know the standards for the area you are representing.
- Bring information back to your district and discipline.
- Annually update current curriculum map and assure alignment with standards.
- Look at new curriculum if needed.
- Make an effort to apply what you have learned in your own classroom.
- Recommend specialists/professional development in this content.

District Responsibilities

- Provide subs and transportation.
- Provide time to report to district staff after the meeting.
- Identify the team members.
 - Try to make sure all teachers at some time have the opportunity to participate in best practices meetings.
- Provide leadership and support for district implementation.
 - Curriculum Maps up to date and aligned with standards.
 - Best Practices strategies in the classroom.
 - Content specific professional development.