

**Curriculum Framework Proposal and Related Professional Development  
For the Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR)**

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This proposal is for the 2023-2024 school year. It is in response to the Vermont Agency of Education’s requirements:

*2. ESBR must develop and maintain on file a plan for staff professional development and evaluation prior to the first day of school.*

*7. ESBR must develop or purchase a written curriculum to meet the Minimum Course of Study for age, grade and ability level.*

Stage	Professional Development
<p><b>Stage 1 The Magic of Teaching.</b> Goal: To establish common language and instructional strategies that will guide ESBR’s teachers as they develop their curriculum. Chaucer will draw from the RR Framework, Problem-Based Learning, Finnish Basic Education, Socratic Seminar, UbD Lesson Plan. and Reasoning using Inductive Towers). Face-to-face. Seven Hours. This work will prepare faculty for Stage 2 and Stage 4.</p>	<p>All Faculty: August 24 and 25, 9:00-12:30, on-campus, Chaucer PD.</p> <p>(All Faculty: August 24 and 25, 1:00-3:00. Individual preparation and collaboration on or off campus as needed.)</p> <p>(August 29 AM will be devoted to non-curricular PD such as confidentiality)</p>
<p><b>Stage 2 ESBR Curriculum Framework.</b> Update and complete relevant table entries from the August 9, 2023 AOE submission (curriculum author(s), course name, main curriculum resources, differentiation key assessments, proficiencies, and materials.</p>	<p>Complete by individual and teams of teachers. Have ready by the first synchronous Zoom meeting (see below)</p>
<p><b>Stage 3 Review Framework and Design Course Syllabi</b> via two, two-hour synchronous Zoom discussions with team/individual working sessions. This work will be on-going throughout the year. In the second sessions, using Critical Friends protocols, faculty will “tune” their course syllabi.</p>	<p>Each faculty member will choose two synchronous Zoom sessions from the following options:</p> <p>9.29.2023 AM (9:00-12:00)            9.29.2023 PM (1:00-3:00)            10.17.2023 AM (9:00-12:00)            10.17.2023 PM (1:00-3:00)            1.16.2024 AM (9:00-12:00)            1.16.2024 PM (1:00-3:00)            3.22.2024 AM (9:00-12:00)            3.22.2024 PM (1:00-3:00)</p> <p>(Note that mornings or afternoons when a faculty member is not involved in a synchronous Zoom meeting will be devoted to curriculum development)</p>
<p><b>Stage 4 Theory to Practice.</b> Faculty will report to the wider group how they have implemented</p>	<p>Each faculty member chooses one synchronous Zoom sessions from the following options:</p>

instructional ideas presented in Stage 1 and Stage 2.	5.28.2023 AM (9:00-12:00) 5.28.2023 PM (1:00-3:00)
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