



## VTVLC Support for Schools

With support from the Agency of Education, VTVLC has expanded programs to support schools today, tomorrow, and into the future. We see the immediate needs of schools to build upon the foundation required by the current crisis requiring remote learning. In order to improve and expand school's efforts to meet this need into the future, we are offering the following supports at no cost to schools or districts:

### **Transitioning to Online: Up and Running**

This online mini-course (1-2 hours) provides insight from experienced online educators on prioritizing efforts, connecting with students, and best practices. The transition to the online classroom can be overwhelming for both teacher and student, but this workshop helps take the initial shock to a manageable level. You'll learn from experienced online educators how to quickly establish communications, maintain a rapport, and engage students to maximize the success of the transition to online learning.

Open to all: Non-facilitated [http://bit.ly/vermont\\_online](http://bit.ly/vermont_online)

### **Online Teaching Best Practices (Option A: Open to individual teachers)**

This introductory class (5 hours) will help teachers who unexpectedly find themselves teaching online without having previous training in the pedagogy of online teaching. It is a selection of materials from multiple classes by the Northeast Online Teaching Institute including Methods 1: Introduction to Online Teaching, Methods II: Online Teaching Tools & Techniques, and Online Teaching with Practicum. The class uses the seven non-optional National Standards for Quality Online Teaching to organize the class content. Optional certificate for professional learning available.

Open to all: Non-facilitated [http://bit.ly/more\\_vermont\\_online](http://bit.ly/more_vermont_online)

### **Online Teaching Best Practices (Option B: Open to schools and school departments)**

This *facilitated* version of the class (10 hours/3-weeks) will help teachers who unexpectedly find themselves teaching online without having previous training in the pedagogy of online teaching. It is a selection of materials from multiple classes by the Northeast Online Teaching Institute including Methods 1: Introduction to Online Teaching, Methods II: Online Teaching Tools & Techniques, and Online Teaching with Practicum. The class uses the seven non-optional National Standards for Quality Online Teaching to organize the class content. Includes a certificate for professional learning.

Open to all: Facilitated

School administrators can schedule and pre-register teachers at:  
<https://forms.gle/Xi8LRTjumZwshdbE9>

### **Mentoring**

VTVLC is supporting Vermont licensed content teachers who hold the OTS endorsement to provide assistance as mentors for teachers/schools within content areas. This option is coupled with the Online Teaching Best Practices (Option B) and will continue to support teachers through the end of the school year to help answer questions local teachers may have regarding best practices for remote teaching and online learning.

### **Canvas Learning Management System (LMS)**

VTVLC is providing Canvas to all teachers and schools at no cost. Canvas by Instructure is one of the top five Learning Management Systems available today for online learning at both the secondary and post-secondary levels, It is feature rich, and includes a mastery-based gradebook. Included is free training in Canvas directly by Instructure. Tier 1 technical support by Instructure is also included with 120 second response time. Advanced support is also provided by VTVLC staff to your technical and administrative teams.

### **VTVLC Content (eCurriculum)**

Teachers need to concentrate on supporting students, not scramble to find and curate content. We don't expect VTVLC teachers to develop any content from scratch, and we don't believe educators should have to do this in emergency remote learning either. VTVLC uses a variety of award-winning online courses from providers like Florida Virtual School, eDynamics, as well as a variety of locally developed courses. We are providing schools with customizable FULL COURSES which are standards-based for grades 6-12.

If you would like to review this content, you can view demo modules here:

**Algebra I:** [http://www.myflvs.net/course-previews/educator\\_algebraI\\_v20\\_demo/](http://www.myflvs.net/course-previews/educator_algebraI_v20_demo/)

**English III:** [http://www.myflvs.net/course-previews/educator\\_englishIII\\_v14\\_demo/index.htm](http://www.myflvs.net/course-previews/educator_englishIII_v14_demo/index.htm)

**MJ Language Arts II:** [http://www.myflvs.net/course-previews/educator\\_mjlangartsII\\_v14\\_demo/](http://www.myflvs.net/course-previews/educator_mjlangartsII_v14_demo/)

You can preview the syllabi and mapped standards here:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B5\\_U\\_p6UQOaANjiBb3YtcGtKVTA?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B5_U_p6UQOaANjiBb3YtcGtKVTA?usp=sharing)

### **Select the Support your Schools Need**

Schools can choose any or all of the options listed, allowing schools to leverage either a custom or turnkey approach to Emergency Remote Teaching. Whether schools resume

provisionally, temporarily, or completely in the fall, VTVLC is prepared to support schools to develop better infrastructure for distance learning.

This program is supported by the Vermont Agency of Education through June 2021 at least with high probability for continuation in subsequent years.

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