PD Support Materials

Web Hunt

Directions for Using the Web Hunt

The Web Hunt is a professional learning activity designed to familiarize participants with the content and resources available on the PowerUp WHAT WORKS website. We recommend using this activity as a way to introduce teachers and school staff to PowerUp WHAT WORKS.

PD Goals

▶ To introduce teachers and staff to the PowerUp WHAT WORKS website

▶ To discover the wealth of content and resources available from PowerUp

▶ To help teachers think about ways they can use PowerUp to support their instruction

PD Materials

▶ PowerUp WHAT WORKS (www.powerupwhatworks.org) via computer or tablet

▶ Handout: The PowerUp Web Hunt

▶ Handout: My PowerUp Action Steps
(http://powerupwhatworks.org/sites/default/files/My PowerUp Action Steps.pdf)

PD Activity

▶ Elicit conversation using the following icebreaker questions:

- What is your previous experience using technology in your classroom? What are some of your favorite or most successful classroom experiences?

- How do you think integrating technology into schools can enhance your instruction?

- How can technology make a mixed-abilities classroom more inclusive?

▶ Divide participants into groups or work individually through the scavenger hunt questions

▶ Discuss answers and ideas about the Web Hunt questions

▶ Use the following scenarios as wrap-up exercises (individually or in pairs):

Using PowerUp in the Classroom

Think of a professional learning goal you have set for yourself that will enhance your teaching in English Language Arts (ELA) or Math. What PowerUp resources will you draw on to help you achieve your goal?

Using PowerUp to Support PD

At your weekly grade-level team meeting, it is your turn to facilitate a group learning activity. What PowerUp resources can you draw on to support developing a professional learning activity that meets the needs and interests of your team? What PowerUp materials could you bring to the meeting to discuss with your team?

▶ Have participants define concrete next steps using "My PowerUp Action Steps"

▪ Encourage sharing of plans

Note: See the PD Facilitator Guide for related activities to support ongoing professional learning (http://powerupwhatworks.org/sites/default/files/PowerUp PD Facilitator Guide.pdf).

Follow Up With PowerUp

The PowerUp team wants to hear from you! Please share your story about how you have used (or intend to use) PowerUp (http://powerupwhatworks.org/content/share-your-stories-powerup)

The PowerUp Web Hunt

Go to the PowerUp WHAT WORKS home page (www.powerupwhatworks.org). You will see two primary entry points. Let's explore what's in each section.

Explore the Power Behind PowerUp

Click on the left side to enter the Power Behind PowerUp section of the website.

1. What *is* the goal of PowerUp WHAT WORKS?

2. What are the four key areas of focus within PowerUp?

3. Where can you go to read stories about teachers and school leaders using PowerUp?

Explore PowerUp Teaching & Learning

Click the "Go to PowerUp your Teaching and Learning" button in the upper right hand corner of the webpage to explore PowerUp professional learning opportunities for teachers, teacher educators, professional development facilitators, and school leaders/administrators.

1. PowerUp provides Instructional Strategy Guides in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math to support your professional learning.

   1a. How many ELA Instructional Strategy Guides are available on the PowerUp website?

   1b. What topics are covered?

   1c. How many Math Instructional Strategy Guides are available on the PowerUp?

   1d. What topics are covered?

   1e. Which instructional strategies are you currently using in your classroom? Which instructional strategies are you interested in learning more about?

2. Each Instructional Strategy Guide has similar sections. What are the different sections? Which section are you most likely to read first?

3. What professional development support materials does PowerUp provide to help plan ongoing professional learning?

4. What resources are available on the PowerUp website to support School-Wide Technology Implementation?

5. Where can you find information about using technology to conduct formative assessments?

6. In addition to the Tech Matters blog, what forms of social media does PowerUp use?