



MI EDUCATOR SHOWCASE WEBSITE

www.mi.gov/MiEducatorShowcase

ABOUT

As part of Michigan's effort to make Michigan a Top 10 state for education, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has created a new website called The MiEducator Showcase. The website is a part of Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan to support educators in sharing and collaborating on what is working for their learners.

The site is a peer-to-peer hub where Michigan educators can learn about successful practices and how they are being implemented across the state. To help discover relevant practices, the website is fully searchable by several data fields, including topical keyword tags and alignment to the Top 10 in 10 focus areas. With this information, educators can both locate and evaluate submitted practices that may be effective for their learners. Educators then are encouraged to contact the submitting peers directly to learn more about the implementation of the practice.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

MDE currently is recruiting educators to submit and showcase their existing high-quality practices to the site. The MDE needs help from Michigan educators in sharing what is working for their learners. Submitted practices could include details on how an educator implemented an existing practice/program or an example of an educator-developed practice, designed to meet a local need. Once the site has a larger inventory of submitted practices, MDE will work with its partners to more broadly promote the site statewide.

The goal is to keep the submission process simple, while providing enough information for educators to evaluate the submitted practices. To fully showcase local creativity and innovation, MDE is not vetting the content of the practices. MDE's role only is to ensure the submitted practices are complete and appropriate to share. With that said, MDE has some guidance for submitters on what many feel would be key parts of a quality submission:

- Evidence, preferably with data, on how the practice has excelled for your learners. Ideally this would include evidence of effectiveness. For example, before and after results or data that has been used to measure success.
- Details of your situation that drove creation or implementation of the practice, in addition to challenges and problems you sought to solve.
- Details on how the practice was implemented.
- Details of lessons learned or planned improvements.
- Information on any resources to share with other educators.

FEEDBACK

The site was developed at MDE with stakeholder input at each project milestone. The teams have generated many great ideas and the site currently represents the essential functionality needed to begin supporting educators. In short, there is much more work to be done and your input is valuable in directing future enhancements. To facilitate this input, a form is available on the site to submit website suggestions and feedback.