

A³ – Assess, Analyze, and Address

The A³ grant is a 3-year project in which teachers will develop and implement formative assessment practices and formative assessment tools for their classrooms and then share those tools with other teachers.

Expectations of Grant Participants

Participation in the A³ grant is a three-year commitment. Year one schedule is outlined below. Years two and three will require similar time commitment and similar stipends.

Participants are expected to attend the following sessions which will be held at CESA10 in Chippewa Falls when possible or alternatively at UWEC.

- Introductory meeting –12 hours over two days, November 7th and 8th, 2014. During this meeting we will be laying the groundwork for our entire process including required grant procedures. Time will be devoted to getting the group connected to one another and we will provide time to collect some baseline data for grant evaluation purposes.
- A 12-hour meeting over two days (January 30 and 31, 2015) with Cheryl Tobey, nationally recognized expert on formative assessment.
- Between January and April, participants will be expected to administer 2 or 3 assessment probes to their students. This data collection will take no more than 10 minutes a time and require no prior instructions to students or any review by participants before the April meeting.
- A one-day meeting (April 9) when participants will review, analyze and reflect on probe data gathered since the last session.
- A two-week summer session (August 3-7 and 10-14) to enhance content knowledge, create probes of student thinking and create structures to support classroom implementation of quality formative assessment cycles which will be implemented during Fall semester of 2015-16 school year.

Compensation for Grant Participants

- A yearly stipend of \$2250. Stipend will be distributed (prorated) throughout the year after session completions.
- Sub costs will be covered for any contract days when participants are away from their regular classroom duties.
- Hotel rooms for 8 nights (Monday through Thursday) during the summer sessions (double occupancy).
- All necessary classroom resources required for administering formative assessment probes and any books, resources etc. that are needed.
- Lunches and refreshments will be provided on all meeting days.