

Learning and Leading in Innovative Ways

VAHS AWARDED GRANT

Verona Area High School - Innovative Grant Recipient

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Passport to Learning
Verona Area High School
2012-2013 School Year

FLIPPING THE
CLASSROOM

INNOVATIVE
LEARNING

Teachers learn about the Flipped Classroom and How they can Flip!

Teachers attend National Flipped Classroom Conference in Chicago, IL

Teachers Attend 5th Annual Flipped Conference in Chicago, IL June 18-20, 2012

Last November, high school technology coordinator, Rita Mortenson, heard about the innovative grants that the Verona Area School Board had announced. It was an opportunity for teachers who wanted to do innovative things, to submit a proposal, so that is exactly what she did. On behalf of the Verona Area High School teachers, she submitted a grant that would allow for up to 10 teachers to participate in educational training, support and receive equipment to begin flipping their classrooms. In April, she learned that the grant was awarded, and she began to make plans for the high school teachers.

What is the flipped classroom? It is “a reversed teaching model that delivers instruction at home through interactive, teacher-created videos and moves “homework” to the classroom. Moving lectures outside of the classroom allows teachers to spend more 1:1 time with each student. Students have the opportunity to ask questions and work through problems with the guidance of their teachers and the support of their peers - creating a collaborative learning environment.”

<http://www.techsmith.com/flipped-classroom.html>

This will be a great year as teachers explore the opportunities that this provides.

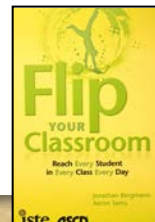
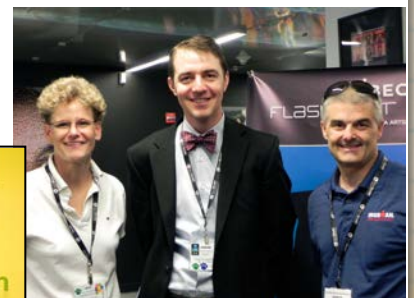


Teachers from Verona Area High School who attended the National Flipped Conference included: Laura Bakken, Mike Ray, Sarah Domres, Ann Moffat and Rita Mortenson. Not pictured: Kris Cody, Annelies Howell, Matt Tiller and Deb Weaver.



Matt Tiller arrives at the conference but also needs to bring along his moths that are mating. He can't leave them unattended so he puts them in a brown shopping bag, travels to Chicago with them and brings them to all of the workshops.

Rita Mortenson has a chance to meet with the two individuals who originated the “Flipped Classroom” concept. They are the authors of the popular book *Flip Your Classroom*, by Johnatation Bergmann and Aaron Sams.



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