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| Module 5 Facilitator Guide | Focus on Deepening Implementation |

**Activity 4**



Connecticut Core Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy

Grades 6–12

*Systems of Professional Learning*

**Connecticut Core Standards Systems of Professional Learning**

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The Systems of Professional Learning project includes a series of professional learning experiences for Connecticut Core Standards District Coaches in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Humanities, Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM), and Student/Educator Support Staff (SESS).

Participants will have continued support for the implementation of the new standards through virtual networking opportunities and online resources to support the training of educators throughout the state of Connecticut.

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# Session at-a-Glance

## Part 4: Collaborative Examination of Student Work from Performance Tasks (70 minutes)

### Activity 4: Examining Student Work from a Performance Task

Participants will deepen their understanding of performance tasks as evidence of student learning.

##### Supporting Documents:

* Discussion Prompts
* Modified EQuIP Student Work Protocol: \*Modified for CT Core Standards Systems of Professional Learning from EQuIP Student Work Protocol - ELA/Literacy. Retrieved from <http://www.achieve.org/files/ELA%20Student%20Work%20Protocol%20FINAL_1.pdf>
* NYC Department of Education. Grades 9-10 “The Power of New Media” Performance Task. Retrieved from <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/8C901879-B581-437F-8531-2EF5BF51FAB7/0/NYCDOEG9_10LiteracyNewMedia_Final.pdf>
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##### PowerPoint Slides:

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# Session Implementation

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| Introduce the article by explaining that this paper was written by Linda Darling-Hammond (professor at Stanford University, known for her leadership and scholarly work in education policy and practice, specifically school restructuring, teacher education, and educational equity) and Beverly Falk (a professor at CCNY School of Education and a senior scholar at the Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning, and Equity.) Both are authors of numerous publications and hold distinguished positions on various editorial boards and national commissions.  The paper, written for the Center for American Progress, is intended to explain and promote the importance of collaborative examination of student work from performance assessments to the implementation of the CCSS. | |
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| Remind participants of information shared in Module 4.  Performance tasks reveal deep understanding and assess key knowledge and skills.   * Provides an authentic context with relevance for students * Gives specific expectations and success criteria for students * Emphasizes the application and use of knowledge and skills * Reveals student understanding and transfer * Rated with a rubric to measure different aspects of the task | |
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| * The ultimate goal of the CT Core Standards is to prepare all students with the knowledge and skills they need for postsecondary success. * The EQuIP Student Work Protocol is designed to establish or articulate the relationship between student work and the quality and alignment of instructional materials that *previously* have been reviewed using the EQuIP quality review process. * Focusing on this relationship enables educators to develop a common understanding of the challenging work required by the CCS. * Furthermore, analyzing this relationship will also assist in closing the gap between what students are learning and the expectations embodied in assignments, as well as verifying what students are being taught and what they have learned, remembered, and incorporated into their knowledge and skills. * (excerpt from http://www.achieve.org/files/ELA%20Student%20Work%20Protocol%20FINAL\_1.pdf) | |
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| * The ultimate goal of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) is to prepare all students with the knowledge and skills they need for postsecondary success. * The EQuIP Student Work Protocol is designed to establish or articulate the relationship between student work and the quality and alignment of instructional materials that *previously* have been reviewed using the EQuIP quality review process. * Focusing on this relationship enables educators to develop a common understanding of the challenging work required by the CCS. * Furthermore, analyzing this relationship will also assist in closing the gap between what students are learning and the expectations embodied in assignments, as well as verifying what students are being taught and what they have learned, remembered, and incorporated into their knowledge and skills. * (excerpt from http://www.achieve.org/files/ELA%20Student%20Work%20Protocol%20FINAL\_1.pdf) | |
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| 55 minutes  Resources:   * Modified EQuIP Student Work Protocol * Common Core-aligned Performance Tasks and Student Work   + Grades 9-10 Performance Task from NYC Department of Education. Retrieved from <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/8C901879-B581-437F-8531-2EF5BF51FAB7/0/NYCDOEG9_10LiteracyNewMedia_Final.pdf>   + Grades 9-10 Student work from “The Power of New Media”. Retrieved from <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/1890B8B6-8131-43BB-AFC1-7E4CA4EE3EF9/0/NYCDOEG9_10LiteracyNewMedia_StudentWorkNoAnnotation.pdf> | |
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| Possible points from Darling-Hammond & Falk (2013) article:   * Providing teachers with more direct and valid information about student progress than is offered by traditional assessments, especially on the deeper learning skills that characterize the Common Core State Standards. * Enabling teachers to engage in evidence-based work: reflecting more clearly and analytically on student work to inform their instructional decisions. * Yielding information that enhances teachers’ knowledge of students, standards, curriculum, and teaching, especially when scoring is combined with debriefing and discussing next steps with other teachers. | |
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| Use this quote to wrap Part 4 and provide a lead in to Part 5, Classroom “Look Fors.” | |