

KENTUCKY VALLEY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

A Pathway to Deeper Learning

A THREE PHASE APPROACH FOR DEVELOPING DEEPER LEARNING COACHES
Learning | Action Research | Scaling

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Overview

As educators committed to students' success in life, in school, and eventual work, we believe they must go beyond the study of superficial knowledge largely dependent upon rote memory skills, to dive more deeply to make meaning and be capable of transferring their learning.

It is our belief that innovation has a greater chance of being sustained if its origins begin with practitioners in direct contact with students — in the place of learning. Our focus for the Deeper Learning (DL) Initiative will be teachers as Deeper Learning Coaches, and it is for this reason that 67% of allotted funds will go towards teacher stipends.

Each teacher selected will assume the role of a Deeper Learning Coach, receiving in total \$5,000 in stipends for services provided outside the school day over the course of the grant period, ending September 30th, 2024. The project will be implemented in three phases beginning from January 2023 and ending in the 2024-25 school year:

Phase 1 – Learning - *beginning January 2023*

Phase 2 – Action Research - *during the 2023-24 school year*

Phase 3 – Scaling - *beginning Fall 2024*

Partners

Kentucky's eight educational cooperatives have collaborated to provide this opportunity. KVEC will be partnering with **Dr. Harvey Silver** and the Thoughtful Classroom team to bring instructional strategies and tools for Deeper Learning. The Kentucky Department of Education's Division of Innovation will serve as a thought partner and reveal the current state of innovation in Kentucky through initiatives such as United We Learn.

Qualifications of a Deeper Learning Coach

Selected Deeper Learning (DL) Coaches will already possess a committed sense of purpose for their profession and exhibit a love for students and their well-being. DL Coaches will come to the work having already shown a disposition for learning and innovation with examples evident of their commitment for sustained and focused efforts both in the classroom and outside. DL Coaches will have an interest and ability to lead professional learning within their school and district.

Professional Learning and Activities

To receive full stipend reimbursements, DL Coaches are required to attend all sessions and complete all assignments. District and School Leaders attendance is optional but encouraged.

November 2, 2022

Kick-Off – District and School Leaders | DL Coaches

Morning Learning with Afternoon Collaboration | HYBRID with Onsite Location at KVEC

In this introductory session, the Thoughtful Classroom team will meet with District and School Leaders, Deeper Learning Coaches and the KVEC Team to kick off the initiative, generate excitement, establish expectations, clarify goals, and establish a strong collaborative relationship to support the work. For this session, Dr. Silver will be available online, and a Thoughtful Classroom Coach will be onsite at KVEC for those participants able to attend in person.

PHASE 1

Beginning January 2023

DL Academy Learning Sessions – DL Coaches | District and School Leaders

Three days with Dr. Harvey Silver and a Thoughtful Classroom Coach | HYBRID with Onsite Location at KVEC

Location at KVEC. Each session will focus on a universal and essential topic related to Deeper Learning:

- Session #1: Building a Foundation for Deep Learning: The Four Cornerstones
- Session #2: Designing for Deep Learning: Instructional Design & Delivery
- Session #3: Empowering Students with Deep Learning Skills: Teaching for Deeper Learning

At key points during the sessions, participants will experience instructional tools and consider how these tools can support identified district priorities. Please note that these sessions align directly with district pathways so that districts may choose to go deeper into any one of these topics.

During these learning days, Dr. Silver will present virtually, while a Thoughtful Classroom Coach will be onsite to facilitate the learning, model workshop-specific tools, and provide feedback and planning support to help Deep Learning Teams and KVEC Support Staff in bringing the concepts and tools into their schools.

2023 Spring Semester

Self-Paced Virtual Learning – DL Coaches

25 hours | Online Self-Paced Learning Modules

\$200 per Deeper Learning Coach, for access to the Thoughtful Classroom Online Learning Suites. This access is eligible as an expense reimbursement from the 33% portion of the district's grant award.

Deeper Learning Coaches will complete two (2) Thoughtful Classroom Online Learning Suites: *Instructional Designer's Toolbox* and *The Four Cornerstones*. The Deeper Learning coaching and support described below will coincide with the course and help Deeper Learning Coaches as they progress through the on-line modules. KVEC support staff will be available for individualized support, as needed.

2023 Spring Semester

Deeper Learning Coaching and Support – DL Coaches | District and School Leaders

Two, 2-hour Sessions | ONLINE Outside the School Day

Deeper Learning Coaches and District and School Leaders will be brought together for two coaching sessions (approximately 2 hours per session) that will focus on:

1. Deepening understanding of core concepts and tools from the online learning suites.
2. Coaching and support so that the DL Teams & KVEC Deeper Learning Coaches can better support their districts.
3. Exploring connections between presented content and district focus topics.

2023 Spring Semester

Kentucky Innovation Initiatives – DL Coaches | District and School Leaders

1 Day | HYBRID with Onsite Location at KVEC

The Kentucky Department of Education's Division of Innovation will provide a day of learning regarding statewide innovations and opportunities. District and school administrators and Deeper Learning Coaches will broaden their knowledge of innovative initiatives associated with Deeper Learning principles to better inform their choices for Action Research in Phase 2.

PHASE 2

Fall 2023

Designing an Action Research Project – DL Coaches | District and School Leaders

Morning Learning with Afternoon Collaboration | HYBRID with Onsite Location at KVEC

KVEC staff will provide guided learning for Designing an Action Research Project. District/School Leaders and Deeper Learning Coaches will spend the morning learning and the afternoon collaborating on the design of their 2023-24 Action Research Project targeting at least one of the Deeper Learning Pillars: Equitable Systems; Instructional Design; Accountability and Assessment; and Community Partnerships.

October 2023

Action Research Project Defense – DL Coaches Participate

Deeper Learning Coaches will provide a video recording of themselves describing their planned Action Research Project. As part of the reflective process, each Deeper Learning Coach will be asked to review two other Action Research Projects for the purpose of sharing thoughts of praise and constructive feedback. Video access and the reflection process will be facilitated by *The Holler*, KVEC's Learning/Social Media Platform.

2023-24 School Year

Action Research Coaching and Support – DL Coaches | District and School Leaders

KVEC staff will provide onsite and virtual coaching and support to District/School Leaders and Deeper Learning Coaches.

Spring 2024

Deeper Learning Showcase – DL Coaches Participate

One of the most beneficial steps in the Action Research process is sharing results and lessons learned with the educational community. Each Deeper Learning Coach will provide a video of themselves that showcases their project, so others may learn about promising practices and be better informed on how to implement successfully. Context will be emphasized with culture and place described. Presentations will be posted on *The Holler* arranged by grade span and the Deeper Learning Pillar they addressed, as an open access library for all.

PHASE 3

Fall 2024

Deeper Learning @ Scale

Deeper Learning Coaches facilitate Deeper Learning on a larger scale within their schools and district.

Note: Substitutes and Travel Cost for DL Coaches to attend in-person professional learning and activities are eligible as an expense reimbursement from the 33% portion of the district's grant award. Optionally, this portion may be used to support the Deeper Learning work with additional activities, subject to approval.



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