

Bridging Project Application 2011-2012

The application deadline is March 26, 2011. Please send completed applications to Mary Grace, Director, VRI at UVM, 250 Main Street, Ste 202, Montpelier, VT 05602

School Name: _____

Address: _____

Principal: _____

Superintendent: _____

Number of teachers who will be involved: _____

Number of students in grades 3-6: _____ Total number of students in the school: _____

What percentage of these students qualify for the Free/Reduced Lunch plan?

On a separate page, please answer the following or attach documents as requested.

1. Please provide a rationale for your need for the Bridging Project.
2. What other initiatives (literacy and other) are happening in your building?
3. Are you an identified school? What year of identification are you? For which areas and subgroups?
4. Please attach your State action plan.
5. Please provide your NECAP data, disaggregated for the last 3 years.
6. How is the administrator able to fully support the staff and their work in the Bridging Project?

Listed below are the Principal's responsibilities and obligations for undertaking the Bridging Project. Please check all after reading and agreeing to each commitment.

- Ensure that all faculty are committed to support the work of the Bridging Project in the school by providing signatures of 100% of faculty
- Provide time for professional development in the individual classroom, teams, and whole faculty.
- Commit to building a 90-minute literacy block in your school.
- Agree to provide once a month release-time for professional development for participating teachers for a two-hour period
- Schedule a once a month steering committee meeting with representation from all grade levels for a minimum of 1 hour.
- Participate in a self assessment using formats provided by VRI
- Arrange for at least 3 participating faculty members to attendance the VRI Summer Institute annually (additional cost).
- Purchase, administer, and submit the results of the Gates-McGinitie assessment for each participating year plus the first year after the end the project in your school (additional cost).

Signature of submitting Principal: _____

Participating schools receive the following services:

- Multi-year collaboration working with literacy consultants from VRI at UVM
- Guided self assessment using formats and personnel provided by the VRI team to identify literacy-related strengths and needs present at the school
- Assistance from the VRI consultants in analysis and use of self-assessment data, reviewing related research and determining next steps
- Intensive support during weekly visits from VRI consultants. This will include but is not limited to:
 - Frequent and regular professional development sessions on research-based practices
 - In-classroom coaching by project staff
 - Assessment planning for instructional purposes
 - Consultation regarding action planning and literacy decision-making
 - Support in addressing the Vermont Grade Level Expectations
- Collaboration with VRI to:
 - Develop capacity for sustained improvement over time
 - Needs-based action planning in the area of literacy, using guidelines provided by VRI
- Opportunity to participate in sharing successful practices across schools (e.g. observe other schools and classrooms)