

WFL-BOCES Online Learning Coordinators' Workshop *January 2020*



AS YOU COME IN:

- Get your name tag
- Make sure you sit together with others from your district



Online Learning Coordinators' Workshop Goals

1. Gain a better understanding of online students' experience and needs
2. Co-construct a shared understanding of the role of Online Learning Coordinator (OLC)
3. Start to develop a repertoire of best practices for OLCs
4. Develop the foundations of a professional learning community



Online Learning Coordinators' Workshop

Today's Agenda

1. Welcome and overview
2. About the grant
3. F2F introductions
4. Reflection on “experience as learners” in the Preliminary Assignment
5. Review of students' interviews

BREAK

6. First discussion of challenges & strategies for OLC
7. Introduction to AccelerateU
8. Closing and introduction of assignment



NYS Learning Technology Grant

- Motivation
- Key grant activities for OLCs
- Role of the 2-day OLC Workshop



F2F Introductions

Directions:

- Think about a memorable situation when ***you helped someone with a task that person had difficulty with*** (as an OLC or in other roles)
- Briefly tell the story of that experience, and what made it memorable
- Keep it to less than 1 minute!

NOTE: You may want to open the Discussion Board with online introductions, so you can refer to it



Reflections on Preliminary Assignment

Individual reflection:

- How did it feel to do an online assignment before meeting anyone in the class?
- What helped or hinder your ability to do the required tasks?



Review and Discussion of Students' Interviews

PART 1: Why do high school students take online courses?

PART 2: What benefits and challenges do high school students experience when taking online courses?

PART 3: What else do high school students taking online courses want us to know?



Students' Interviews Video

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1WRdhq5b3XmFfuzhK66n7T0YShx444lxK>



BREAK



Students' Challenges & OLCs Strategies

Discussion of Readings

In small groups:

Identify and discuss:

- Potential challenges for students taking online courses
- Strategies to address each challenge
- What would it take to implement each strategy



Introduction to AccelerateU



AccelerateU Features for OLCs



Introduction to Next Online Assignment

- Experience as learner an AccelerateU online course
- Attend Zoom session
- Review available AccelerateU courses
- Readings on OLCs best practices
- Personal journal



Take aways

Directions:

- Share one key insight you gained as a result of today's experiences



THANK YOU!

