

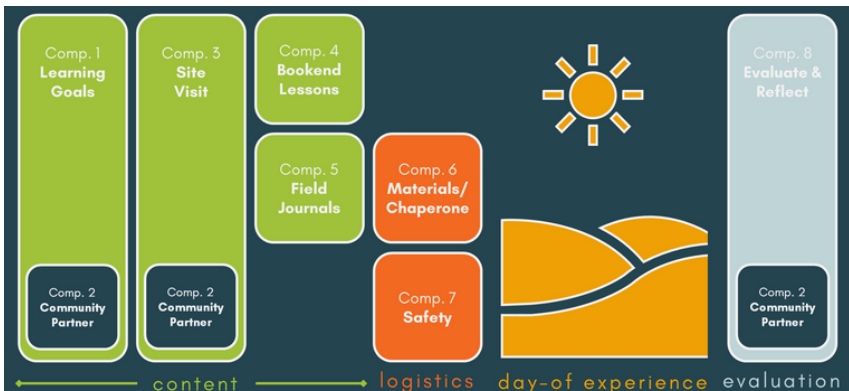


Success Story:

Designing High Impact Field Experiences

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One of the greatest benefits of Zoom workshops has been the ability for more participants to learn from some incredible educators around the state. Dale Sweet, 6th grade teacher at Walter Strom Middle School in Cle Elum, has been integrating high-impact field experiences into his curriculum for the past 39 years. As the co-facilitator for the Designing High Impact Field Experiences workshop in March 2022, Dale was able to share his knowledge and expertise with educators new to designing these types of experiences. His anecdotes, tips, and suggestions were invaluable to participants. “It really helps to have your admin support” stated Dale, who also reiterated how important it is to collaborate with teachers of other subject areas. In Dale’s current iteration of his 6th grade field experience, he works with other 6th grade teachers to incorporate math, science, ELA, art, and social studies.



After learning from Dale in a statewide session, 38 participants used the planning tools supplied by Pacific Education Institute to start preliminary planning of their own High Impact Field Experiences (HIFEs). The tasks provided participants a chance to work toward the goal of designing a HIFE or adapting a current field trip to a more integrated HIFE. Participants were broken into smaller, regional groups for the second Zoom session, and had the chance to share ideas with job-alike colleagues in their region.



Participants also heard from other regional educators and community leaders about their own experiences. Overall, participants appreciated the time spent with other educators and experts and the content and resources shared. Stated one participant, “I just wish more of my coworkers would have taken it with me so we could have all collaborated on a field experience together!”