

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT FOR MICHIGAN EDUCATORS (FAME)

New Formative Assessment Coaches

APPLICATION



DEADLINE: May 13, 2013



Professional Development Initiative 2013-2014

The Michigan Department of Education, together with Michigan State University, Measured Progress and other project partners, is excited to announce the sixth year of a professional development initiative, Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators (FAME). The primary purpose of this initiative is to establish a foundation and process that will promote teacher collaboration and planning for effective formative assessment practices in the classroom. The model relies on building a cadre of Michigan educators to serve as coaches for site-based learning teams of teachers and administrators in Michigan schools.

Through face-to-face trainings and via distance technologies (e.g., social networking, webinars, and an interactive website), coaches are trained to provide job-embedded support for learning teams. Coaches work with learning teams to create a collaborative learning environment in which team members investigate, implement, and sustain effective formative assessment practices in their classrooms. To be most effective, learning teams will continue their work over a three-year period, facilitated by the coach.

We May Be Looking for YOU!

- Do you have a history of successful collaboration and enjoy supporting classroom teachers?
- Are you as an educator (teacher, administrator, district leader) looking to gain personal and professional growth in coaching and *The Formative Assessment Process*?
- Are you willing to commit to and work with a team of classroom teachers to create a collaborative learning environment?

If you answered “yes,” join this statewide professional development initiative and work with a learning team to facilitate learning of effective formative assessment practices. Requirements of time and commitment for this program include:

- Recruiting a learning team of six to eight teachers (with an administrator option) that are interested in a multiple-year (at least three years) commitment to the project
- Attending an informational webinar for coaches (date and time to be determined)
- Planning and conducting a pre-launch meeting with your learning team
- Attending Cognitive Coaching Seminars®; Days 1-4 [read more about Cognitive Coaching](#)SM (training for coaches only)
- Attending a one-day of face-to-face training with your learning team in the fall. There are ten site and date options for attending Formative Assessment: Launching into Learning.
- Facilitating monthly learning team meetings and 1-on-1 coaching conversations with team members
- Attending and participating in various FAME coach webinars throughout the year
- Collaborating with your assigned FAME Regional Lead Coach, Michigan Department of Education, Michigan State University, Measured Progress, and other support partners to help the program grow and improve [read more about FAME Initiative Expectations](#)

The formative assessment coach plays a critical role in the success of a learning team. Please give careful consideration to the requirements of and commitment to, your colleagues and the initiative. There are up to 80 open slots for the 2013-14 coach cohort.

Please review the training dates in the document: [2013 - 14 FAME Training Dates and Locations](#). Complete the information below and return to Kimberly Young, BAA by May 13, 2013.

All New FAME Coaches will register for Cognitive Coaching Seminars®: Days 1 – 4.

Cognitive Coaching Seminar® training is an essential component of FAME coach training. Cognitive Coaching Seminars® consists of 8 total days. FAME coaches take the 8 days over two years, with Days 1 – 4 in the first year as a FAME coach. FAME coaches will learn how to apply coaching skills that enhance teachers’ cognitive processes as they learn about the formative assessment process. Click [here](#) for more information about Cognitive Coaching Seminars®

If you have already completed Cognitive Coaching Seminars® Days 1-8, please indicate below when you completed the training and who provided the training:

Are you applying to coach an existing FAME formative assessment learning team?

Yes

No

Unsure

Please describe the make up of the learning team you may be working with for the 2013 – 14 school year (grade level, content area, etc):

Please note: Applicants who are selected will be notified by the Michigan Department of Education with instructions on how to register for Coach and Learning Team trainings after June 1st.

Applicant Name:

Title/Professional Role:

ISD/District Name:

School Name:

Phone:

E-mail Address:

Summer E-mail Address, if different from above:

Please send completed form by May 13, 2013 to:

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