

Summer Update

Tips for Recording Direct Instruction

VEA is grateful to Megan Williams, Michael Hornbeck and the team of VPS Digital Learning Coaches for the heavy lift they continue to bear in supporting our transition to Distance Learning 2.0! They were kind enough to provide some guidance specific to options for recording direct instruction based on inquiries that came through Thursday's VEA Leader Q&A Session; see below!

How do we record lessons if students cannot be recorded?

There are two different routes for this. You can:

→ Record an instructional video **in advance** using a tool like weVideo, Flipgrid, or your iPad Screen Record. From there, you can embed or link the video onto your Canvas landing page.

- This is an awesome opportunity to send the videos for students to watch on-demand before class, allowing you to maximize your live time with them
- You can use this again for reference during a live session, for quick review if needed
- The Digital Learning Coaches would recommend this route if you aren't sure where to start with recording instructional videos.

→ If you don't have time to pre-record, there is another option to **record live** during your class session. With students muted, you can record your opening set/direct instruction, and stop recording before students are speaking/on the screen. That recording can then be embedded or linked to your Canvas landing page.

- This is challenging for many reasons, and may require editing after the lesson in order to ensure student privacy.
- Note: Since best practice is to be able to stop frequently to check for understanding, recording off and on can be difficult. Consider recording a brief, but key portion of the Zoom meeting to share with those students who are unable to join the session live.

Where will videos be "archived?" This will vary depending upon how the teacher makes the videos, but there is unlimited storage in our Google Drive accounts, and is a great place to store videos. You could label this folder after the class or unit you are using them for.

VEA Q&A Session TODAY!

VEA is grateful to the VEA Leaders who joined us for a Q&A session last Thursday afternoon! We focused primarily on the VEA/VPS MOU, with some details related to what we know currently about remote learning schedules as well. Here is a [Q&A Document](#) in response to questions from that VEA Leader session for all to reference!

We will also host a Q&A session for VEA members TODAY at 4:30 PM ([pre-register using this link](#)). Between now and then, thank you for directing any member questions through our Zone Communication Structure, beginning with your Building Communication Lead. If Building Leads are unable to answer questions based on yesterday's updates, they can direct questions to Zone Leaders for further support!

VPS Remote Learning PD Due Tomorrow

VPS Course #7304: August 2020 VPS Technology Training
This course includes 5 hours of required training, addressing the Canvas Landing Page, ClassLink, Zoom, New Laptops and New Classroom Technology. This course is self-directed, should be complete by August 25th and will be paid with district funds at your per diem rate.

Aug. 25th School Board Retreat

Join us and listen in to any or all of tomorrow's VPS School Board Retreat:

Tuesday, August 25th

9 AM - 3 PM via Zoom

[Access the meeting with this link](#)

The agenda topics will include:

1. Discipline Equity Steering Committee Action Plan Overview
2. Columbia River/Minnehaha Mascots/Policy
3. Equity Initiative
4. Board Linkage Listening Sessions
5. Design II Capital Facilities Update & Cash Flow Forecast Update
6. COVID Budget Contingencies/Furloughs/Temporary Reduced Program
7. Distance Learning 2.0
8. SRO Contracts
9. Superintendent Successor Search