



State of Vermont
Vermont Department of Education
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The VT Department of Education is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals for Vermont Secondary Schools for the 21st Century: Innovative Practices. The grant will cover work focused development of sustainable models in two priority policy areas. The first policy area is in moving towards proficiency-based graduation decisions, and the second is in developing flexible pathways for all students. Grant funding is available as of August 1st, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Recipients of the grant will be inducted into the New England Secondary School Consortium's "League of Innovative Schools". The League of Innovative Schools is founded on the belief that professional integrity, authentic collaboration, and self-accountability can motivate, sustain, and enhance school improvement. There are numerous benefits and expectations of schools that are in the League, for more information go to: <http://www.newenglandssc.org/league>

A complete application for the grant will be due in July, however, please submit a one page letter of intent outlining your proposal and a brief explanation of the readiness of your school to undertake this work. These letters are due to the VT Department of Education by June 24th to John Fischer john.fischer@state.vt.us .