

"There is much more deep, meaningful conversations about standards and how to provide instruction that meets the standards. Also, we have aligned our mathematical strategies vertically so that students are getting prerequisites needed for future instruction and so that we are not hindering students with procedures rather than allowing them to develop an understanding of the "why" the procedures work."

*LaVonja Bonnema, Special Education
Math Teacher*

"This process has changed me in several ways. As an experienced teacher, it is often difficult to develop a new mindset. Teachers become set in their ways, routines become almost robotic and we often continue practices that only partially work. This is not because we don't care about our students but because we don't know how to make the changes.

Solution Tree has opened my eyes to new ideas and a new way of thinking about how to meet the needs of my students. I am in the process of understanding how to be a more productive part of a team of teachers and how to use my skills and resources to help all students."

Carol Sobba, 5th grade teacher

"No matter whom the teacher is, every student will receive the same quality instruction when operating as a true PLC.

Jordan Bullock, 4th grade teacher

Sustainable Goals

The Vilonia School System is committed to creating a collaborative systemic program to ensure that all students learn at high levels.

It is a desire of the district to become a model and share knowledge learned through the pilot project with other districts throughout the state in order to promote high levels of learning for all students in the State of Arkansas.

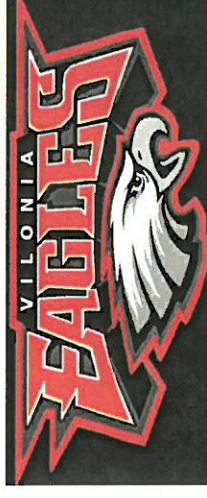
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*"Good Enough Is Not Good Enough For
Vilonia Students"*



Vilonia School District Professional Learning Community

The Vilonia School District is presently working through collaborative teams to ensure that all students learn at high levels. The district's focus is around three main ideas:

- Focus on Learning
- Collaboration and Collective Responsibility
- A Results Orientation

Each team within the professional learning community focuses on four basic questions:

1. What do we want our students to be able to do?
2. How will we know they have learned it?
3. What will we do when they haven't learned it?
4. What will we do to extend the learning when they already know it?

Commitments

- The Vilonia School District is committed to creating a culture where there is a mind shift from teaching to learning.
- We believe that all students can learn at high levels. We are committed to providing personalized learning plans to meet the needs of all students.

- All decisions made through the collaborative process are focused on what is best for students.
- As our society and workforce needs change, the Vilonia School District is committed to providing students with the skills they will need to earn a livable wage.
- Educators have designated time in the work day to collaborate about the work. The Vilonia District meets in collaborative teams each Wednesday. Collaborative time is focused on the four essential questions.



Mission Statement

The Vilonia School District, a visionary, innovative, student-centered organization, will inspire, with integrity, students to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens who make positive contributions to society, by equipping and empowering them through a rigorous and relevant education.



Students are given opportunities to take active roles in daily instruction.