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Greetings!

I would like to introduce you to the new OERColorado project. This is a set of two public curriculum libraries with openly licensed educational materials free for Colorado's teachers to use in their classrooms and teaching practice. Our resources can be used in face-to-face, online and blended learning environments.

The OERColorado Project is a statewide initiative to provide digital collections of free openly licensed curriculum resources for PK-12+ educators to use in their teaching and classrooms. OERColorado established pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S. § 22-5-119) is administered by the Colorado River Board of Cooperative Education Services (CR BOCES) and Colorado Empowered Learning (CEL).

The mission of OERColorado is to support Colorado educators, administrators, and other educational stakeholders in PK-12+ in using Open Educational Resources (OER) materials, share ideas, and create affordable, high quality learning resources.

OER stands for Open Educational Resources. Our collections house lessons, classes, textbooks, simulations, games, rubrics, icebreakers, and many other educational tools, free for teachers to use in their classrooms. OER describes teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits repurposing by others. The Creative Commons copyright licenses (CC) promote the use, sharing, revision and adaptation of OER content. OER encourages the "Five R's" of shared use, allowing educators to retain, reuse, revise, remix and redistribute Open Educational Resources.

We make finding resources easier by creating a one-stop location where teachers can locate resources to:

- Adopt, use or customize an open access textbook
- Address learning loss and increase engagement
- Find evidence-based resources
- Supplement existing curriculum
- Adapt lessons to individual student needs to improve accessibility
- Locate niche curriculum, like primary sources, historical information, Colorado focused career & technical education
- Find Bilingual/Bicultural materials, primary sources, Colorado-based examples and more!

Explore, Collaborate, Create, Inspire! We encourage you to visit our OERColorado sites.

- Search, save and share the content in our digital libraries
- Collaborate with others on shared curriculum, events and initiatives using built in groups and tools
- Create and share your own OER

Contact us

If you would like to find out more, please reach out to Theresa Becker, Ph.D., the CR BOCES OER Professional Development Coordinator. tbecker@crboeces.org or OERColorado@gmail.com



We offer professional development services for districts and schools such as:

- What are Open Educational Resources (OER)? And how can they be used in my district?
- Search, select, save and share open educational resources in the content areas
- Considerations for adopting open textbooks.
- Collaborating around Open Educational Resources

