Implementing BT

Basic IT Requirements

Beyond Textbooks is easy for any teacher to use. Any educator with the following requirements can start using BT:
– A computer with the ability to open MS Office™, iWork™, Adobe Acrobat™, or Google Drive™ files
– Broadband Internet access
– Basic web-browser and productivity software skills
– A desire to connect with other educators

With simple Internet connectivity and the tools that come with every computer sold today, an educator can have access to the collective knowledge of teachers across Arizona.

The key to BT success is educator involvement. The curriculum calendars, curriculum documents, and resources on the BT Website were made for teachers, by teachers. Additionally, to ensure that your implementation of BT is successful, required trainings are provided during the first and second years of use.

Gaining the Vision

**STEP ONE – DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW OF THE BT VISION**
Superintendent, building principals, and district level curriculum staff meet with BT staff for a 2.5 hour overview and opportunity to make a decision on moving forward with BT.

**STEP TWO – TEACHER BUY IN OF THE BT VISION MEETING**
BT staff meet with key teacher leaders, superintendent, building principals, and district level curriculum staff for a 2.5 hour overview designed to gain the buy-in of teachers and provide administration with an opportunity to develop further understanding of BT.

Staff Development & Support

**LEADERSHIP RETREAT**

The Leadership Retreat is meant to give an organization’s key stakeholders an opportunity to become more familiar with the theory and practices that make Beyond Textbooks (BT) a success. This session focuses on developing a deeper understanding of the BT Frameworks, and participants will work towards establishing a specific implementation plan aligned to their organization.

**REQUIRED SUPPORTING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
– BT 101 – (7 Key BT Starting Points & Website Facilitation) – three and a half hour training
– BT 102 – (Review of the 7 Key BT Starting Points & Advanced Website Facilitation) – three and a half hour training

– Reteach and Enrich – three hour training

– PLC’s – three hour training

**UNLIMITED PHONE AND E-MAIL ACCESS TO BT STAFF**
Members of the Beyond Textbooks staff are available for unlimited questions via phone and/or e-mail and will work to get back to you in a timely fashion to address your needs.

**SITE VISITS WITH VAIL SCHOOLS**
Your organization may send teachers and administration to any of our schools to conduct observations and interviews regarding various aspects of Vail’s instructional process.

**ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS**
Beyond Textbooks provides ongoing professional development offerings. Click [HERE](https://www.beyondtextbooks.org/Implementing_BT) for a list of additional professional development sessions.