Learn all about CAR and how we can help you develop curriculum that is connected and coherent.

In-district CAR training

We come to your district and train your whole team. Ongoing coaching assistance for PLC teams and current leaders is also available.

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CAR has been endorsed by the New Jersey Department of Education and the Partnership for Collaborative Professional Learning (NJPSA/FEA, NJASA, NJEA, NJSBA, LEARNING FORWARD NJ, NJASCD, EIRC, NJACTE).
What is CAR?
CAR is a process of school improvement that brings coherence to the work of educators by connecting standards, student learning, assessment, professional learning, educator effectiveness, and school climate and culture to the work of professional learning communities. CAR makes curriculum development a priority — a shift from program to practice, and is the NJ Department of Education’s vision for teaching, leading, and learning in New Jersey schools.

What is CAR Connect?
CAR Connect is a software program designed to capture the work of these professional learning communities as they engage in the development, delivery, reflection on and revision of the curriculum. The result is a series of detailed curriculum units that promotes tight alignment across standards, student learning objectives, assessments, student strategies, instructional models, and supporting resources.

What does CAR Connect provide?
As teachers collaboratively analyze student data, the software provides tools for capturing their reflections and revisions to ensure that the curriculum is a living document, responsive to diverse student needs.

How do educators benefit from CAR Connect?
CAR Connect promotes shared leadership as educators are empowered to build inextricable links between curriculum and classroom instruction. Additionally, the powerful lens offered by CAR Connect strengthens teaching and learning as best practices are effortlessly shared across content areas, grade levels, and schools.

What are the potential outcomes of CAR Connect?
While the software supports the work of teacher teams, it also provides leaders with a set of easy to use tools to foster student achievement, improve teacher practice, and ensure high levels of rigor. These include the ability to track the use of specific student strategies, formative assessments, and instructional models across grade levels and content areas.

Will CAR Connect help me build lesson plans?
As a result of the high level of detail and alignment, CAR units are designed to replace daily lesson plans. However, for those schools/districts requiring daily lesson plans, the Lesson Plan Builder enables teachers to easily build a lesson plan directly from the CAR unit, thus ensuring continued alignment across all elements of the instructional process.

What is my first step?
Your first step should be to register for a CAR training workshop at FEA, or call us and we will go to you to conduct an in-district workshop.

What if I have already had CAR training?
If you have already had CAR training, then you are eligible to receive the CAR Connect software. Call us for details, pricing, and assistance.

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