West Virginia Reinventing Education Project

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Abstract: The Reinventing Education project was established under a $2 million dollar grant from IBM to the West Virginia Department of Education. Its purpose is to define and validate criteria for creating instructional plans that use the power of the Internet to address the West Virginia Instructional Goals and Objectives and improve student achievement and learning. A Criteria for Excellence was created, then employed by a group of pilot teachers to develop lesson plans that would be peer reviewed, validated by field testing, observed during classroom implementation, and repeatedly revised. The resulting lesson plans have resulted in significant learning improvement and have been placed in the Best Practices database to share with teachers across the state. The original pilot teachers represented sixth through twelfth grade mathematics. However, during the summer of 1998, additional teams representing reading language arts, social studies, and science began similar work.