
CALL FOR ARTICLE PROPOSALS FOR EDUCATOR'S VOICE, VOL. XIV

Leveraging Student Strengths through Project-Based Learning and Authentic Assessment

Project-based learning and authentic assessment are student-centered practices which encourage in-depth learning through activities that foster student collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. In a project-based learning environment students are guided toward the discovery of personal meaning and application of new knowledge to situations beyond school. Authentic assessment goes beyond the traditional paper and pencil test. It can include demonstrations and performance tasks that aim to build on every student's strengths. Especially relevant in the digital era, where data is applicable to almost everything we do, these practices can foster research and critical literacy skills as well as agency and social capital, which are more important than ever for our students.

We call for article proposals from educators across disciplines and grade levels that highlight these exciting practices in your school or classroom, or from academic collaboration in higher education with P-12 partners.

Examples of submission areas include (but are not limited to):

- Project-based learning
- Authentic assessment
- Authentic learning
- Portfolio assessment
- Capstone projects
- Performance assessment
- Integrated thematic units
- Student-directed learning
- Problem-based learning
- Interdisciplinary learning
- Inquiry-based learning
- Teaching with multiple intelligence theory
- Arts and science integration STEAM/STEM
- Higher education research and practice on authentic learning and assessment

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PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Please tell us about your proposal by referencing each of the following nine elements (approximately 2–5 pages) and submit to NYSUT by Aug. 5, 2020. Please include the element titles.

Be sure to complete the author submission sheet and send it in with your proposal.

- 1) **Title:** What is the working title for your article?
- 2) **Topic:** What do you plan to write about? What practice or program will your article focus on? (Please provide specifics about school(s), grade levels, etc.)
- 3) **Relevance:** Why is this practice relevant to the theme of this year's volume on project-based learning and authentic assessment? Why is this topic important to you?
- 4) **Setting:** Describe your setting and the student population(s) involved in the practice or programs.
- 5) **Practice:** Describe the practice or program and your method or approach.
- 6) **Outcomes:** What are the intended outcomes or indicators of success and how do you plan to measure or observe them?
- 7) **Research Base:** Describe the academic research base that supports your practice. (Please provide specific examples/citations.)
- 8) **Diversity:** How does your practice address the needs of diverse populations?
- 9) **Collaboration:** Explain how your practice involves collaboration with parents or other members of the school community.

Deadlines for Volume XIV:

Aug. 5, 2020	Proposal submission deadline
Sept. 14, 2020	NYSUT responds to proposal
Nov. 16, 2021	Completed article submission
Spring 2021	Publication

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