



New Hampshire Charter School Office

Best Practice Submission Form

School Name:	Robert Frost Charter School
Best Practice Title:	Project Based Learning
Applicable Categories:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accountability and Performance Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Business Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Student Engagement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Design <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership & Governance <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment and Retention (Staff or Student) <input type="checkbox"/> School Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
School Mission:	<p>The Robert Frost Public Charter School strives to create life-long learners by providing an intellectually rich & challenging experience to develop 21st Century Skills through a blending of Montessori tradition & Project-Based Learning. Dedicated educators meet students where they are academically, socially & emotionally to foster students' individuality & critical thinking skills, preparing them for scholastic, civic & personal success in the 21st Century.</p> <p>Part of our mission includes a key outcome of service-learning opportunities.</p>
Purpose:	<p>The Montessori experience works to develop academic, organizational, and personal skills, and when those skills are then tested, explored, broadened, and applied in the context of a real-world collaborative project, the educational experience is enhanced, and student knowledge and understanding is broadened. Students' respect for one another is deepened. Their communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills are developed. Students learn to reflect on their experiences, successes, and challenges.</p>
Summary:	<p>Service-Learning Opportunities through community-based and school-based projects for students of all ages will ensure a connection to school community and the greater community and the development of responsible and engaged citizens.</p>
Partner(s) in Development:	Students, staff, families, and community members
Contact Person:	Janine McLaughlan
Resources or Documentation:	School-developed PBL matrix and guidance document