
STEVE VENTURA

Stephen Ventura is a Professional Development Consultant for Advanced Collaborative Solutions and an Author-Consultant for Corwin Professional Learning. He is a highly motivational and knowledgeable speaker who approaches high stakes professional development armed with practical, research-based strategies. Steve is a former elementary, middle, and high school teacher. His administrative experiences encompass those of assistant principal, principal, director, and superintendent.



With expertise in presenting leadership development, Visible Learning, Common Formative Assessments, Student Voice and Aspirations, Achievement Teams™, and grading policies/practices, Steve takes the mystery out of determining those most urgent needs of schools and districts. His work is embedded in contemporary research focused on disciplined collaboration, goal setting, and organizational improvement, all throughout the lens of clearly identified success criteria.

In addition to his professional development work with teachers and administrators, Steve is also a frequent speaker at state, national, and international conferences, and has contributed to several books focused on teaching, learning, and leadership. Titles include *Standards and Assessment: The Core of Quality Instruction* (2011) and *Engaged Instruction: Thriving Classrooms in the Age of the Common Core* (2014).

Through his own reality-based experiences, Steve has inspired teachers and leaders across the nation to pursue higher levels of implementation with greater focus, rigor, and clarity. He has a strong moral aspect, intelligence, easy way with people, and saving sense of humor that support him in his life and work.

Steve obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Physical Education and Special Education and also earned a Master's in Educational Management.

He resides in the small community of Templeton, California. He enjoys spending time with family, playing racquetball, and reading.

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