

We are pleased to announce Phase II of the National Middle Grades Research Project on Common Planning Time! We invite you to join this important project.

What is the National Middle Grades Research Project on Common Planning Time?

The MLER-SIG launched the NMGRP in 2006. The project's purpose is to develop a national database on middle-grades education issues for research. The first issue studied by the project is common planning time (CPT). Phase I of the CPT project is nearing completion and has focused on collecting qualitative data on CPT. More than 60 researchers from across the country attended the Phase I trainings and have been working with middle schools in their communities to collect teacher interview data and observations of common team planning meetings.

What is Phase II of the NMGRP on Common Planning Time?

Phase II of the project will involve the collection of quantitative data on CPT. MLER-SIG has partnered with the Center for Prevention Research and Development (CPRD) at the University of Illinois for this phase of the project. CPRD has extensive experience in quantitative survey design and data collection. In Phase II, researchers will work with middle schools in their communities to conduct a teacher survey about CPT practices, benefits, outcomes, and its impact on students and teachers.

Can I participate in Phase II if I did not complete Phase I?

Yes, you can! Whether you have been involved in Phase I of the project or not, you are invited to become involved in Phase II. You will need to attend one of three training sessions (see timeline below) in order to participate.

What is the timeline for Phase II?

Date	Location	Activity
April 2009	AERA, San Diego	Phase II announced to MLER-SIG membership
November 2009	NMSA, Indianapolis	Phase II Training Session #1
April 2010	AERA, Denver	Phase II Training Session #2
July 2010	Chicago	Phase II Training Session #3
May 2011		Final submission of surveys

How can get more information about Phase II?

Go to the MLER-SIG website (<http://www.rmle.pdx.edu/>) and click on the link to the *National Middle Grades Research Project*. You will find information about the project's development as well as an overview and key research findings about CPT. For more information about CPRD, go to www.cprd.uiuc.edu.