

Beckley-Stratton Middle School

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While attending a National Afterschool Association conference in 2011, I noticed a young man engrossed in an educational video game with virtual reality glasses on. It was something I knew that we needed to take back to our afterschool program in WV. After talking with Warren Black about VR Quest and obtaining the information on the program, we received a grant from Beckley Area Foundation and was able to obtain the software and license for the program.

Beckley-Stratton Middle School 21st Century Community Learning Center Afterschool Program is where I served as the site-coordinator. We are the first group in the state of West Virginia to obtain this technology. Our class was a huge success and we had a front-page story in our local newspaper that got positive responses from educational leaders and others from across the state.

At the end of the licensing period, we did not have the funding to secure a license for the second year. Warren worked with us to keep the program going until we obtained another grant. Our afterschool program ended in 2014 and we did not want to see this program end. We received another grant and our principal allowed us to incorporate the program into our gifted class during the day and now we have the program installed into our new STEAM library computers for the entire school to use. The students love it and can't wait to go to the library to use it.

VR Quest is an outstanding educational tool and I recommend it highly to any school or afterschool program that would like to incorporate this technology into their curriculum.

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