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VJSE accepts articles that fall within one of three categories. Each article submission type has a word limit that should be adhered to (excluding abstract and references). In addition, all articles should have an abstract of 250 words or less.

1. *Lesson Activity* – Lesson activities fully describe a unique lesson in enough detail that other educators can implement it in their own classroom. Word limit: 2,500 words.
2. *Research* – Research manuscripts describe a research project including research questions, methods, results, and implications. Outcomes should inform best practices and be of value to educators and/or administrators in science education. Word limit: 5,000 words.
3. *Sharing Solutions*- Sharing solutions describe a challenge/issue in science education and a solution to the posed challenge. Manuscripts may consider broad issues such as facilitating reforms-based science instruction (e.g. inquiry), classroom management, and overcoming barriers to classroom integration of best practices in science education. Word limit: 2,500 words.

Articles will be reviewed using the criteria described in the [VJSE Article Submission Review Form](#). Authors should review this document prior to submission.

All submissions should:

1. Adhere to APA formatting guidelines (see [Purdue OWL](#) for guidance) with the exception noted below for tables and figures. This includes double-spacing, 1-inch margins, 12 point font, and section headings. As a reminder, manuscripts that do not adhere to APA formatting guidelines will be returned to the authors prior to review for proper formatting.
2. May not be in review or published in another journal.
3. Reflect the manuscript author's original work.
4. Be accompanied by:
 - a. [Author submission form](#)
 - b. Cover page that includes all author names and affiliations including an email address for the corresponding author
 - c. Abstract of fewer than 250 words describing the main points of the article.

Formatting Tables and Figures:

Tables and figures should be in APA format. Tables and figures (e.g., images, diagrams, graphs) should be embedded in the main document where the author wishes them to appear in the final manuscript, should it be accepted. Images can be in color or black and white. Students in lab must be following appropriate safety guidelines and wearing proper safety attire, including splash-proof goggles. Their faces can be visible, but they should not look directly at the camera. If the image where faces are visible is used, a signed release form will be required of each student pictured. Images or figures from sources other than the manuscript author(s) or published elsewhere require evidence that the authors have permission to use it from the original creator (i.e., copyright release).