

Staff Development Workshops by Topic

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Staff Development Workshops We Offer

“This is my 2nd time taking a course with you all and I am speechless again. You always have great presenters and applicable information!!” Tara Armstead, Grand Canyon University

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Common Core State Standards Staff Development Workshops

Strategies for Teaching Writing in the Common Core: Opinion, Persuasive, Argumentative, and Effective Narrative Writing

This informative, step-by-step teacher training workshop includes instruction on how to teach opinion, argumentative, and narrative writing. New graphic organizers help participants plan for instruction, and rubrics by grade strand, help students become successful from the beginning. Can be tailored for available time at your site.

Strategies for Teaching Close Reading, Text-Dependent Questions, and Response to Literature

With so many new terms and concepts to learn, this staff development workshop on understanding and doing close reading, writing text-dependent questions, and responding to literature in the Common Core is as eye-opening as it is timely. Participants will leave with scaffolds, rubrics, and great ideas for ways to immerse and engage students in text.

Strategies for Teaching Common Core Math, Grades K-3

In this informative, interactive, and hands-on teacher training, you’ll learn background and information related to Common Core Math, as well as strategies for teaching with the increased rigor required by the CCSS initiative. You’ll leave with high interest strategies for teaching Math to K-3 learners, ideas for lesson planning that follow each indicator, and engaging ways to facilitate learning.

The Special Education Student and the Common Core – Meeting the Needs of Every Student

Approximately 60 percent of children with disabilities ages 6–21 receiving special education

support spend the majority of their day (more than 80 percent) in the general education setting. While the Common Core has changed the way many classrooms are functioning, those who serve Special Education students will need new and appropriate ways to educate students with Specific Learning Disabilities. In this workshop you will learn a variety of instructional approaches and strategies that can be used in the classroom to meet the needs of all learners.

Infusing Creativity into the Common Core

Creativity has never been so important to the success of our students than right now. This staff development workshop explores how the CCSS provides an excellent framework for creative thinking, collaboration, and innovation in the classroom, while also providing critical thinking strategies across content areas. You don't want to miss this one as you will play, create, and think outside the box like never before. Be ready for fun!

Philosophy for Kids – Addressing the Common Core through High Level Conversations

Philosophy for Kids is an interactive, hands-on teacher training workshop that will inspire animated, high-level discussions and questioning using your grade level or subject area content. Teachers will learn how to implement research-proven techniques and strategies for teaching students to reason, defend their positions, and ask higher-level questions. Register today to take your lessons to the next level of thinking!

The Art and Science of Teaching

Assessment: What, Why, and How

This one-day teacher training workshop is designed to help teachers understand formative and summative assessments, what assessments should and should not be graded, and how to use homework to the student's advantage. You will also learn how to use assessment to drive your instruction, and strategies for teaching students how to prepare for, and anticipate the content of, every type of assessment they will face.

Increasing Student Engagement to Improve Student Achievement

Struggle with balancing high levels of **student engagement** in the Common Core while maintaining classroom management? In this one-day staff development workshop, you'll learn strategies for teaching that get your students involved with your content – without chaos! Drawing on research, your facilitator will demonstrate ways to engage your entire class in easy, fun, and completely manageable strategies that have been shown to have a significant impact on student achievement. You'll leave with several techniques and resources to effectively introduce your content, teach your students, and informally assess them in engaging ways – saving you valuable time and energy!

Maintaining Creativity while Increasing Student Achievement

This one-day teacher staff development workshop provides innovative strategies for creatively raising student achievement. In an age of accountability, much of what used to be referred to as 'creative license' has been stripped away. Learn new strategies for teaching that make educating your students fun again, all the while helping them to succeed!

Strategic Teaching: Reaching Every Student, Every Time (7.5 or 15 Clock Hours)

This one-day teacher training provides a blend of the research of Robert Marzano, brain research, Harold Bloom (Bloom's Taxonomy) and the wisdom of Madeline Hunter (Effective Elements of Instruction) to teach you every step necessary to be successful with your students and raise student achievement.

Up, Down, and All Around: Differentiating Existing Grade Level Materials to Meet the Needs of All of Your Students

This one-day staff development workshop on **Differentiated Instruction** gives you the tools you need to teach every student in your class with the materials you already have. Invaluable information and strategies for today's diverse classrooms.

The Multi-age Classroom: Success at Every Level!

This two-day workshop gives teachers knowledge, strategies, and hands-on practice to be successful in every facet of the Multi-age teaching experience. Learn everything from getting parental buy-in, to when to begin planning, how to plan, and ideas for differentiation of instruction. Strategies for reaching all students will be shared and practiced. You'll also learn how to plan lessons at several levels to make the best use of your time. You'll leave knowing exactly how to implement a Multi-age classroom.

Response to Intervention – Why, What, and How

These nationally available one-day level-specific training sessions are aimed at teachers and school personnel who would like to begin implementing Response to Intervention in their schools. Included is information about RtI (can be modified depending on staff's existing knowledge), ideas for Tier 1 (Universal) strategies, evidence-based Tier 2 strategies in Literacy and Language, Progress Monitoring information and ideas, and other challenges to consider before referring a student to Special Education.

Classroom Management Staff Development Workshops

Manage THIS! Classroom Management Strategies that Really, REALLY Work

This one-day workshop on **Classroom Management** will help teachers manage their classrooms so that they can maximize time-on-task for their students. Includes management strategies that have been shown to be successful with students from diverse backgrounds.

Managing the Cooperative Learning Classroom

Want to do more cooperative learning, but struggle with maintaining control of the class during your activities? In this one-day teacher training, you will learn tips and tricks for keeping your sanity while managing your activities. You'll walk away from this teacher professional development course with knowing how to group your students for different activities, new cooperative learning strategies, and foolproof assessment ideas. Students crave movement, and teachers want to feel successful during their workday. This workshop helps everyone win!

Staying Positive: Managing Challenging Behaviors in the Mainstream Classroom

This teacher staff development course focuses on 4 common diagnosed disorders found in classrooms today. Topics include: Examining the characteristics of each disorder and what it

“looks like” in the mainstream classroom; understanding the legal rights and responsibilities of student, teachers and school; reflecting on personal teaching style as it relates to student behavior outcomes and establishing a positive relationship with parents/families.

English Language Learners Staff Development Workshops

Dynamic Teaching Strategies for English Language Learners

If you're looking for strategies that have been proven to help English Language Learners succeed, this engaging and informative workshop is for you! Your facilitator will show you why rigorous vocabulary development is so important, and how to maximize your time with your English Learners. Learn exciting ways to use music and movement to teach your content. You'll come away with dynamic strategies for reading comprehension, ideas for writing with ELLs that will motivate them, and how to foster higher order thinking skills in your classroom.

iPad Apps for English Learners – and Just about Everyone Else!

This exciting offering helps teachers of English Language Learners use iPads to scaffold students to success! Teachers of all learners will benefit from apps and information gained during the workshop. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your teaching with iPad apps, and the learning of your students when it's their turn with the iPad!

Strategies for Teaching English Language Learners

These nationally available two-, four-, or six-day teacher professional development workshops include English Language Learner teacher training to help turn the language development classroom into a language acquisition powerhouse! Included are background information on language acquisition, cooperative learning techniques to enhance oral and written output, authentic assessment strategies, and so much more!

Response to Intervention (RTI) for English Learners

In this one-day workshop, you will learn how to enhance Tier One Universal Instruction to better reach your English Learners. You will also leave with Tier 2 Interventions that scaffold English Learners with your content as they are acquiring English. Finally, you will learn the sometimes subtle differences between a student with a Specific Learning Disability versus a student who is struggling in his or her new language.

Writing Individual Language Learner Plans (ILLPs)

This one-day Arizona teacher workshop will give you all of the tools you need to write effective ILLPs for your students. Includes an overview of the Arizona English Language Proficiency Standards, an exact formula for creating ILLPs for each student based on his or her AZELLA scores, help with understanding the Discrete Skills Inventory (DSI), and guided practice to ensure your success once back at your school.

The English Language Development Classroom: Making Every Moment Count

This one-day Arizona staff development course will help you take your English Language Development classroom to the next level. You'll find lots of specifics about how to manage your

groups, ideas for language centers, and strategies to reinforce language learning. Excellent strategies for teaching English Language Learners

Strategies for Teaching Success in Your 4-hour SEI Model (Arizona)

Teaching the 4-hour model, but not exactly sure how to reach all of your students? Let us help you! We have a one-day Arizona teacher workshop that will show you exactly how and what to teach to grow your students' English Acquisition.

Health/Physical Education Staff Development Workshops

Yoga for the Class/room Teacher

This one-day teacher professional development workshop is designed specifically for the classroom teacher. Pressure to perform often eliminates Physical Education and recess, yet brain research shows how important movement is for student achievement. In this class, learn yoga positions and breathing techniques that will help students diminish stress and regain focus so that they can learn better and more efficiently.

Literacy Instruction Staff Development Workshops

Dynamic Strategies for Teaching Academic Language in the Common Core

This teacher training module is based on the research of Robert Marzano, Isabel Beck, Janet Allen, and others, and includes nonlinguistic representations and other strategies that have been proven to facilitate the acquisition of Academic Vocabulary. After attending this interactive, hands-on teacher training, you'll leave with teaching resources that will ensure your vocabulary-teaching success!

Guided Reading

In this one-day teacher **literacy workshop**, you'll find out how to assist your students to become independent readers, one step at a time. Expert guidance will be provided on how to approach literacy instruction for students who need more time. You'll leave with research-based strategies, tools, and ideas for successful implementation of Guided Reading.

Dynamic Reading Comprehension

This one-day teacher **literacy workshop** will leave you very prepared to deal with some of the most challenging aspects of helping students with reading comprehension. Learn research-based tips and strategies to boost reading comprehension levels, spurring your students on to success with your content!

WordSmart: Powerful Vocabulary Development for Every Classroom

This one-day continuing education **vocabulary workshop** will give your staff great new ideas to enhance the most important area of Language Arts. Research-based, fun, and brimming with exciting activities that transfer immediately into your classroom, this popular training has been presented across the United States.

6+1 Traits Writing

This one- or two-day professional development workshop gives participants the opportunity to

learn all **6+1 traits**, view examples of strong trait use at different grade levels, and assess **6 Traits** writing based upon rubrics for each trait. An outstanding set of tools to add to an educator's toolbox

STEM Initiative Staff Development Workshops

Can We Talk? Engaging Students in Mathematical Discourse

In this one-day Math professional development workshop, you will learn why and how to engage students in productive struggle involving mathematical concepts. The best part? These high yield strategies are easy to implement and can be used with any grade level. Research suggests that students who understand mathematical concepts perform better and go farther in school than those who merely follow mathematical procedures. You will walk away with new understandings and tools that will energize you and will get your students talking – about Math!

Using Enhanced Problem-Solving Techniques with Students 4-8

Participants in this workshop will be engaged in several highly effective problem-solving techniques, including the bar mathematical model for better understanding of fractions and word problems, and age-appropriate manipulatives to better understand integers and solving equations. Additionally, a focus on performance tasks based on those found on the PARCC, AZ Merit and other similar assessments will be included.

Hands-On Math

In this **Math workshop**, participants will learn effective ways to establish a classroom environment that is conducive to teaching/learning hands on math. Additionally strategies for teaching hands-on math through games, investigations and literature connections will be shared, as well as information regarding how children really learn math. Finally, participants will increase their understand of how to use a variety of hands-on manipulatives in the K-6 classroom.

Inquiry-Based Science

Teaching Science when you aren't a Scientist – providing your students with experiences that will prepare them for the 21st Century – can be a challenge. This one-day staff development workshop will provide you with strategies on teaching Science as inquiry so that you can then provide your students with the skills they need to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers in their future. Participants will leave with resources they can use immediately with their students.

Math Tips and Tricks for Struggling Students, Grades 6-12

Many, many students struggle with math. In this one-day workshop, teachers will learn tons of mnemonics, simple drawings, hand signals and other strategies to make remembering math facts, formulas, order of operations, and more a snap to remember. Students immediately internalize these and math becomes less of a chore and more... fun!