

REGION 7
NORTHWEST



February Professional Development Updates - Region 7



Spring Principal READY Training Series

Remember to register for the region 7 Principal READY training session on March 24, 2015 at the Stone Center in North Wilkesboro. Principal READY meetings for spring 2015 will continue to focus on instructional leadership and building capacity for all principals. Sessions will focus on two data sets – EVAAS and Teacher Working Conditions (TWC) – and how information informs Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Participants will engage in a tiered analysis of data and practice to address performance of their school, PLCs and individual teachers. Principals will collaborate with colleagues, and Educator Effectiveness staff will facilitate processes to connect learning directly to the consistent implementation of the North Carolina Educator Evaluation System.

To register, please visit

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MdrLlvXpJZgcjq7K7ESDg3N5QluuUNOHqzznkZKgXW4/viewform?usp=send_form

For additional information, including the agenda, please visit the Spring Principal READY wiki page: <http://ncees.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/READY+Principals+Spring+2015>

Upcoming DPI/NWRESA Partnership Professional Development

Registration Information: Registration for DPI/NWRESA partnership professional development sessions is handled by the NWRESA. Registration for each session opens one month prior to the session and closes one week before the scheduled session. Each district and charter has a maximum number of participants allowed, so please talk with your district or charter professional development director before registering for a session. Please visit the PD page of the NWRESA website for more information - <http://www.nwresa.org/2013-2014%20PD.htm>.

March Professional Development Sessions

Session Title: English Language Arts: Mosaic of Ideas

Session Date: March 3, 2015

Session Description: This training provides an invaluable collection of resources to support ELA instructional practices. Join the ELA team for a day of discovery and discussion.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Target Audience: K-12 Educators (maximum of 3 participants per LEA)

Session Title: Math: Ensuring Math Success for All

Session Date: March 12, 2015

Session Description: The Spring RESA session participants will learn about the actions required to ensure that all students learn to become mathematical thinkers and are prepared for any academic career or professional path that they choose. Principles to Actions, sets forth a set of strongly recommended, research-informed actions for all teachers, coaches, and specialist in mathematics. Each participant will receive the book: Principles to Actions: Ensuring Mathematical Success for All by National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Target Audience: Curriculum Specialists, Math Teachers, C&I Directors, Lead Teachers (maximum of 3 participants per LEA)

Upcoming Conferences

Home Base Symposium

2015 Home Base Symposium - "Taking the Next Step"

Come join us as we host our second Home Base Symposium and 29th Student Information System Symposium that will be held February 23 – 25, 2015 at the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel in Greensboro, NC. You don't want to miss this information packed conference that will provide in-depth training on the functionality of PowerSchool and other components comprising the Home Base application.

Information including registration can be found here:

<http://www.nc-sis.org/symposium15.html>.

CCSA

Online registration is open for the: Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement - "Champions Engaging North Carolina in 21st Century Teaching and Learning"

March 30 - April 1, 2015

Sheraton Four Seasons/Koury Convention Center

Greensboro, NC

- Get a glance of the conference.
- Keynote speakers have been selected.
- Conference sessions have been identified.
- Undergraduate education majors may apply to be conference interns.
- Much more.....

Watch our website for exciting updates on speakers and sessions!

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/conference/>

NCTIES

NCTIES is North Carolina's premier ed tech conference and exposition. Registration for NCTIES 2015 gives you access to over 150 sessions, informal meet and greet opportunities, our keynotes, exciting featured speakers, and vendor exhibit hall. Your registration will automatically enroll you a member of NCTIES. NCTIES will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center March 4-6, 2015. Click here -

<http://www.ncties.org/conference/ataglance/index.html> - for more information including registration.

NCEES February Webinars

NC Educator Evaluation System Process: Professional Development Plan End-of-Year Review: This webinar will provide you with an opportunity to review the process for completing the Professional Development Plan End-of-Year Review.

The following topics will be addressed during the webinar:

- Review the evaluation process
- Review the Initial and Mid-Year Professional Development Plan
- Review the steps to complete the End-of-Year Professional Development Plan

Time & Date: February 3 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Registration Link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/136999937>

Time & Date: February 17 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Registration Link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/516680152>

Professional Development Tool February Webinars

Home Base PD System: Creating an Instructor-led Course: Participants will consider scenarios for this type of course using Moodle and without using Moodle, learn how to create the course, and learn about the course approval process.

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 17, 1pm – 3pm

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/120494357>

Target Audience: Local PD trainers who will train new users on the PD System (i.e. Professional Development Coordinators, District Administrators, Lead Classroom Teachers, etc.).

Home Base PD System: Creating a Self-Paced Course: Participants will consider scenarios for this type of course using Moodle and without using Moodle, learn how to create the course, and learn about the course approval process.

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 24, 1pm – 3pm

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/120493343>

Target Audience: Local PD trainers who will train new users on the PD System (i.e. Professional Development Coordinators, District Administrators, Lead Classroom Teachers, etc.).

Schoolnet February Webinars

Classrooms Component - Data Driven Instruction

Content: Analyzing student performance using the standards mastery report to drive instruction. Best practices discussed by North Carolina teachers.

February 5, 2015 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/120767609>

Schoolnet - Using Scan-It to Upload Answer Sheets

Content: Using the Scan-it software tool to scan bubble / answer sheets and capture assessment data into Schoolnet. Best practices discussed by school and district educators experienced with Scan-it.

February 12, 2015 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/120767841>

Please note that this information was updated with a topic change for this date.

School and District Data Component – Standardized Test Data

Content: Standardized / Historical Test Data. What data and reports are available to teachers and leadership? Scenarios and use cases discussed by report experts.

February 19, 2015 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/120768349>

User Management - Roles & Permissions

Content: Managing user access in Schoolnet. Review of specific roles and permissions. Specific examples and issues pertaining to roles and permissions if not assigned properly. How to monitor user access and best practices.

February 26, 2015 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/120768611>

Statewide Solutions Forum Webinars

Looking for feedback from your peers? Districts or individuals may participate in Cross District Strategic Solutions statewide topic based forums (typically 1 hour). The purpose of Cross District Strategic Solutions sessions is to build a problem-solving, solution generating Professional Learning Network of educators open to district leaders, administrators, teachers, counselors and coaches across the state.

During the forum sessions, district teams, individual teachers, administrators and other educators may introduce or acquaint others with a challenging issue and receive feedback from other participants across the state by asking clarifying questions and sharing strategies for success. Each forum session will be facilitated by Professional Development Consultants from the NCDPI using a consultancy protocol, and you may join in any webinar or topic.

Upcoming Topics

February 17, 2015 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Differentiation for All Learners

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/118742224>

February 18, 2015 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Instructional Diversity for Differentiation in Grades 3-8

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/118738796>

PD MOOClet: Effective Digital Strategies for Teaching and Learning in the K12 Classroom

Due to the continuing popularity of this course, the Educator Effectiveness Division of the NC Department of Public Instruction is offering another session of Effective Digital Strategies for Teaching and Learning in the K12 Classroom: A PD MOOClet, starting February 9. This course is available at no cost to North Carolina educators and will be facilitated by the NCDPI professionals.

This course will start Monday, Feb 9. Registration will open Monday, Jan 26.

Duration: 6 Weeks (20 hours)

This course is intended for K12 classroom teachers and other instructional personnel. It focuses on using digital tools and strategies to support teaching and learning, and enriching individuals' knowledge through developing communities of practice across the state. In this course, we will look at the 4Cs Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication and Collaboration: keystones for the 21st Century Classroom.

Who should participate? Active, collaborative learners who are self-driven, motivated, flexible and enjoy sharing information and resources.

To register, follow the instructions below:

- Log in to the NCEES system using your PowerSchool log in or the alternate log in <http://bit.ly/1zX2bmU>
- Click the Professional Development tab.
- Perform a search by entering the title and populating the course list.
- Click on the course title; then click on the section
- Click on the register button.

Contact Dr. Geetanjali Soni at Geetanjali.soni@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions.

Spring 2015 Instructor Led Online PD Courses

Beginning February 9:

Registration Opens January 26

- Building and Sustaining Professional Development (5 weeks, 1.0 CEU)
- Connecting with our 21st Century Learners (6 weeks, 1.0 CEU)/li
- Data Literacy in Action (6 weeks, 1.0 CEU)
- Digital Literacies in the K-12 Classroom (6 weeks, 1.5 CEU)
- Effective digital strategies for teaching and learning in the K-12 classroom (MOOClet) (6 weeks, 2.0 CEU)
- Introduction to Data Literacy (5 weeks, 1.0 CEU)
- Introduction to Universal Design for Learning (4 weeks, 0.5 CEU)
- Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects, Part 1 (5 weeks, 0.5 CEU)
- Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects, Part 2 (7 weeks, 1.5 CEU)
- North Carolina Teacher Standards and Evaluation Process (6 weeks, 2.0 CEU)
- Universal Design for Learning, Part 2 (7 weeks, 1.0 CEU)

For a description of the courses and associated CEUs, visit <https://rt3nc.org/>.

Complete registration online is at no cost to North Carolina educators. Courses will be facilitated by the NCDPI professionals. Participants are expected to meet all weekly deadlines in order to receive CEUs. Partial credit will not be given.

Registration is limited to 35 participants per section. To register, follow these instructions: Log in to the NCEES system using your usual PowerSchool log in or the alternate log in <http://bit.ly/1zX2bmU>

- Click the Professional Development tab.
- You can search for the course by name and populate the list to select it.
- Click on the course title; then click on the section.

➤ Click on the register button.

Directions on how to register are available here: <http://bit.ly/1AwHYtb>

Contact Dr. Geetanjali Soni at Geetanjali.soni@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions.

Other High Quality Online PD Modules: Available Now!

Please take advantage of our self-paced, facilitated modules and mini-modules available to teachers and principals at no charge! You may click here to access a printable version of current modules: <http://bit.ly/1wc6jjM> All modules may be accessed through the Educator Effectiveness PD System through Home Base. In addition, you may get ideas for staff and PLCs using the implementation guide, found here: www.rt3nc.org. Over 50 professional development opportunities are listed here for your educators.

Textbook Evaluation Advisors needed for Science

2015 is the year for adopting textbooks and instructional materials for science. Highly motivated, experienced teachers and instructional leaders are needed to work with the Textbook Commission to review and evaluate books and materials to ensure that they align with the NC Standard Course of Study for Science. Advisors are needed on the evening of March 17 and all day on March 18-21, 2015 and will be trained to review textbooks and instructional materials using criteria developed by NCDPI. Advisors must be certified in science and the grade level/course for which they are assigned to evaluate.

Vacancies are in the following areas:

Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8

Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth/Environmental

Interested teachers and instructional leaders are invited to go to

<http://tinyurl.com/textbookadvisors> and complete an interest form and submit a letter of endorsement. For questions, contact Dr. Carmella Fair at Carmella.Fair@dpi.nc.gov.

PowerSchool Webinars and Trainings on NCDPI Calendar

Please check the NCDPI events calendar for upcoming trainings:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/calendar/>

One-Stop NCDPI Resource for All Educators - Wikicentral Reminder

Wikicentral provides a direct point of access for NCDPI wikis that contain resources and materials for educators of North Carolina. The wikis are managed by various divisions. They include resources related to professional development, curriculum, policy, tools and more. Please spread the word to your colleagues about this valuable site, which can be found at <http://wikicentral.ncdpi.wikispaces.net>

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