

REGION 7
NORTHWEST



March 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: The ELA Spring 2015 Professional Development provides a mosaic of ideas for K-12 teachers. It includes current digital and print resources along with a handbook. Participants will learn of multiple ways to support student engagement and create strong collaborative classrooms. Content includes grammar in context, poetry, engaging foldables, using narrative techniques, formative assessment and too

many others to mention! All strategies will be adapted to K-12 classrooms. We look forward to a great day of discussion and discovery!

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)

Session Title: Cross District Strategic Solutions Protocol Training

Session Date: March 17, 2015

Session Description: 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 this session, district leaders, administrators, and teachers will be introduced to a protocol that can be used to facilitate a solution-oriented discussion around a problem of practice. Time will be devoted to modeling its use during this session with a regional problem of practice presenter. One of the goals of this session is to provide administrators and district leaders with a structure for leading discussions about school improvement. (Please note: This session is a repeat of the face-to-face session offered in November at the request of the region 7 district leaders.)

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Target Audience: Administrators, District Leaders, Lead Teachers (maximum of 3 participants per LEA)

April Professional Development Sessions

Session Title: North Carolina Educator Evaluation System Support

Session Date: April 14, 2015

Session Description: TBD

If you have requests for the focus of this NCEES session, please send an email to Mandy Taylor - mandy.taylor@dpi.nc.gov.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

*Target Audience: Principals and Assistant Principals
(maximum of 3 participants per LEA)*

Session Title: Home Base Professional Development and IAM Training

Session Date: April 28, 2015

Session Description: During this session participants will explore the different structures of learning made possible through the Home Base Professional Development System (Moodle, non-Moodle; instructor-led, self-paced) and determine which mode best fits present needs. We will discuss how to use this system for online, blended, and face-to-face learning opportunities in your LEA. Participants will create a course in the PD System for use within their local district. Pre-requisite: access to create courses within the Home Base PD System. Contact mandy.taylor@dpi.nc.gov for more information about obtaining course creation permission.

Identity and Access Management (IAM): A New Way to Access Home Base
For back-to-school 2015-16, students, teachers, staff and administrators will log on to Home Base applications (PowerSchool, Schoolnet, Educator Effectiveness and OpenClass) using the Identity and Access Management (IAM) Service. This service is one of the NCEdCloud initiatives for the K-12 community of North Carolina, funded by Race to the Top (RttT).

In this session, the NCEdCloud/ DPI team will demonstrate, discuss and take questions regarding this new log on service.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (IAM Session will take place from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)

*Target Audience: Central Office, Administrators, District Leaders, Lead Teachers
(maximum of 3 participants per LEA)*

Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement

The 2015 Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement (CCSA), March 30 - April 1, 2015 at the Sheraton Four Seasons/Joseph S. Koury Convention Center, 3121 High Point Road, Greensboro, NC is quickly approaching! Don't miss these extremely relevant and exciting sessions:

· "Sparking Hope: Teaching as a Catalyst to Launching Great Learning," by Sean

McComb , 2014 National Teacher of the Year

- “Your School’s *BRAND Determines Student Outcomes*” and “*Effective Vice Principal LEADERSHIP*” by Baruti Kafele, School Leadership and Development
- “*The Resilience Revolution*” by Brooks Gibbs , Featured Presenter
- “*The Literacy Solution: More Reading, More Knowledge*” by Elfrieda Hiebert, TextProject & University of California, Santa Cruz
- “*Transforming 21st Century Teaching and Learning: Demographically Speaking*” by James H. Johnson, University of North Carolina, Kenan–Flager Business

In addition, hear directly from our biggest stakeholders – our students:

- “*Do You Know Me?*” Hoke County Middle School Students
- “*Words as Weapons for Positive Change,*” Poetry Project, Guilford County Schools
- “*Student Six*” Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

Don’t delay - learn more and register for the conference today!

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

#NCed Chat

#NCed Chat provides an opportunity for North Carolina educators to grow and develop their personal learning network (PLN) by connecting to other NC educators throughout the state. The chat serves as a forum for North Carolina educators to come together once every other week in a public Twitter conversation around topics that pertain to their professional interests. Come share your resources, insights, questions, and ideas with other educators from around the state. [Click here for a flyer with a list of the upcoming Spring 2015 topics.](#)

NCEES March Webinars

NC Educator Evaluation System Process: Completing the Teacher Evaluation Summary Form: This webinar will provide you with an opportunity to review the process for completing a Summary Rating Form in the online tool and coaching for peak performance during the end-of-year summary evaluation conference. Visit the registration link for a list of topics covered during the webinar.

This webinar will be offered on March 3 or March 17 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Use the link to register for either date:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/209154963146396428>

Discover the Rich, High-quality and Free Instructional Content Available in Schoolnet!

Currently users may access approximately 30,000 instructional materials in Schoolnet, including open education resources vetted at the state level, SAS Curriculum Pathways,

Pearson's OLE resources for social studies and science, plus a More tab which includes a collection provided by the NC Department of Cultural Resources.

Two upcoming webinars will demonstrate how to access these materials, each offering resources for a variety of subjects. Come participate and discover what Schoolnet has to offer you:

- Wednesday, March 4, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Free Instructional Resources in Schoolnet – This webinar will focus on how educators can access high quality ELA, Social Studies, Science and STEM materials. Register here: <http://bit.ly/1AiKPnq>

- Wednesday, March 25, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Free Instructional Resources in Schoolnet – This webinar focuses on how educators can access high quality resources for Math, World Languages, Arts, Health, PE and ESL. Register here: <http://bit.ly/17Op4mb>

Schoolnet Curriculum and Instruction Series March Webinars

Schoolnet - Curriculum and Instruction Series - Designing Instructional Sequences

Content: Participants of the Governor's Teacher Network share their experiences designing Instructional Sequences by creating lesson plans using the state template, linking resources, and adding aligned assessment items to provide high quality materials from teachers in the field for use by educators statewide.

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

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/120856279>

Schoolnet - Curriculum and Instruction Series - Introduction to Curriculum Manager

Content: Review of Schoolnet resources hierarchy. Create curricular units and district curriculum. Link resources to units. Bulk upload and manage your district instructional resources and materials.

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

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/120856530>

Schoolnet - Curriculum and Instruction Series - Advanced Curriculum Manager

Content: Develop and organize your district curriculum utilizing Schoolnet's powerful curriculum manager tool. Define scope and sequence, course mapping. Schedule / publish curriculum to educators.

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

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/120856718>

Open Class: Building Online Capacity and Best Practices

Content: Learn how educators can use OpenClass to:

- Present online course content,
- Explore subjects using social learning,
- Collaborate on projects,
- Hold active discussions.

Best practices discussed by local instructional designers / developers.

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

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/120858746>

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 include student engagement, bullying, and getting excited about data. Please visit this link -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1h6XDF603H23zwcp5YKnbv6gG7Ztb71WjNnIKXH1dp1Q/edit> - to register and see additional upcoming sessions.

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.

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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