

Working Together to Make a Difference

Professional Development With a Support Structure

Refer to brochures for more details and additional opportunities

Effective Questioning

How can effective questioning increase student engagement and achievement? What does current research say about wait time? How many questions are ideal in a 50-minute period? How can the revised Bloom's Taxonomy increase the level of cognitive demand which in turn increases student retention of important concepts?

Exploring Technology in All Content Areas

Use technology as a tool to enhance student understanding of and ownership in the learning process. Participants will experience and create Web Quests and Glogsters.

Additional technological tools will be explored as well.

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates.

The great teacher inspires."

~William Arthur Ward

Getting on the Same Page

- Aligning curriculum to the state standards and benchmarks.
- Involving teachers in the process both horizontally and vertically
- Providing a concrete plan on what to do after the essential concepts are identified.

Learn what worked well for one district as teachers supported one another through lesson observation and protocols for looking at student work while having conversations about student learning.

Mathematics

Refer to the math brochure for information regarding professional development opportunities. Lori has had experience working with math educators and districts across the state. She is a certified trainer in *Developing Mathematical Ideas, Fostering Geometric Thinking, and Fostering Algebraic Thinking.*

Research-Based Teaching Practices

What does the research *really* say about effective teaching practices? Which techniques are the most successful in which situations? How do we prevent students from "checking out" of the learning process?

Support is offered by:

- Co-creating a customized professional development plan that meets the needs of the district's goals and vision.
- Providing teachers with tools on how to support one another in the classroom as they implement the ideas.
- Providing interactive, meaningful sessions that allow teachers to experience and internalize the concepts.
- Helping to design and write the professional development plan that will assist the district in achieving its goals.
- Follow-up sessions that give teachers time to implement, reflect, discuss, revise, etc.

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