



May 2023 Digital Newsletter

Religious & Independent School Educators,

We appreciate the work and dedication of you throughout the entire year, but officially teacher appreciation week is recognized during the month of May. We thank you for making a difference in the lives of students and families in your school community. Click on the image to the right for a video tribute to all of you making a difference!

~ The Upstate PDRC Team



Upcoming Webinars

Designing Checklists: Using Peer and Self-Assessments

Tuesday, May 9th
4-5pm

TIPS Session #4: Setting the Table for Inclusion in the Next School Year

Wednesday, May 10th
4-5pm

Leadership Series: Hiring and Interviewing

Thursday, May 18th
4-5pm

We Want Your Input!

What PD topics are you looking for? How would you like PD delivered? Would you like to connect with the Upstate PDRC to get customized help for your school's PD initiatives?

TAKE SURVEY



Give us your input through this 5-question survey below that will help us plan PD offerings that best fits your needs and schedule.



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Writing Series

Presented by Christopher Karle



Designing Checklists to Support Student Writing

Tuesday, May 9, 4pm-5pm

Learn ways to use checklists to help students set goals to improve their writing. Join us for a session to explore how to design a checklist to support targeted practices for student writing. Participants will be provided with a planning template and resources with examples to scaffold the process when creating a checklist that supports their own writing classroom needs.



GROW WHAT YOU KNOW
WRITING SERIES
Hosted by the Upstate PDRC

NEW!

Presented by Christopher Karle

Aligned Instruction: Unpacking Writing Standards
Wednesday, Mar. 29
4pm-5pm

Using Mentor Texts to Improve Student Writing
Thursday, Apr. 27
4pm-5pm

Designing Checklists to Support Student Writing
Tuesday, May 9
4pm-5pm

Click [HERE](#) or Scan the QR Code to Register for Writing Sessions March - May

Available Now: On-Demand Courses for Teachers
Accountable Talk
Differentiation Made Easier
New & Novice Teacher Academy
Course 1: New & Novice Teacher Academy
Course 2: Designing High-Quality Learning for ALL Students
Course 3: Delivering High-Quality Learning for ALL Students

Coming Soon!
Seed videos for Writing!
Quick PD bite videos to explore **Writing Topics!**
Questions?
Contact Rebecca Shea at rshea@measinc.com

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Inclusive Practice Series (TIPS)

Presented by Diana Scarselletta Straut

Session Four: Setting the Table for Inclusion in the Next School Year

Wednesday, May 10, 4pm-5pm

This session is an open 'round table' forum for thinking about things you can do as this year ends to build inclusive classrooms and schools for next year. Join us to gather some strategies for designing for inclusion for building seamless connections between special education and general education, and to plan for ways to make all students and faculty feel that they are a valued part of your school community. The focus of this series is generally on meeting the needs of students with disabilities but also addresses an overall commitment to practices promoting diversity, equity, and belonging in the classroom.

GROW WHAT YOU KNOW
THE INCLUSIVE PRACTICE SERIES (TIPS) SESSION FOUR
Hosted by the Upstate Professional Development Center

SETTING THE TABLE FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR
Presented by Diana Scarselletta Straut
May 10, 2023, 4pm-5pm

Exchange and learn strategies for building seamless connections between general education and special education.

Begin intentionally planning to improve access, equity, and inclusion for all students in the coming school year.

Join us for a round-table discussion to wrap up this four-part series about inclusion in the classroom.

Audience: Designed for Administrators, K-12 teachers in any subject area and support staff

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LEADERSHIP SERIES
 Hosted by the Upstate Professional Development Center

NEW

INTERVIEWING & HIRING
 Presented by Laura Lavine & Rebecca Shea
 Thursday, May 18, 2023, 4pm-5pm

Join us for a session to explore interviewing and hiring nonpublic school faculty/staff. This session will explore ways to **create a clear job description**, share strategies for an **aligned interview process** to include **questions and techniques** to get the know the candidate's talents and skills, and explore key beliefs in more depth.

Ideas for **pre-interview strategies** will be shared to ensure you are inviting the right candidates to an interview.



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Leadership Series

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Register HERE

Seed Videos

Short videos for PD on the go!

Behavior 101

Co-Teaching

Math Openers



5 Minute PD Bites

INTRODUCING: SEED VIDEOS

NEW

Looking for professional development tips but short on time? **We got you covered!**

[Check out the PDRC's Seed Videos.](#) A collection of quick, 3-8 minute videos, perfect for some grab-and-go PD!

Part of the "Grow What You Know" series, our Seed Videos focus on a topic, resource, or strategy to help elevate your professional knowledge. These videos are intended to be easy and informative resources to watch and implement quickly and efficiently!



[CLICK HERE TO EXPLORE THE SEED VIDEOS!](#)



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Recently Added On-Demand Courses

Mentoring: Resources & Implementation

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Peer Coaching: Maximizing Expertise & Resources

Click [HERE](#) to learn more

Collaboration and Coteaching to Support ALL Learners

Click [HERE](#) to learn more

Feedback: Giving & Receiving It

Click [HERE](#) to learn more

NEW Courses:

Aligning Instruction: Unpacking Writing Standards

Promoting Student Independence with Prompt Hierarchies & Natural Support

ALWAYS AVAILABLE: ON-DEMAND PD
Presented by the Upstate Professional Development Center

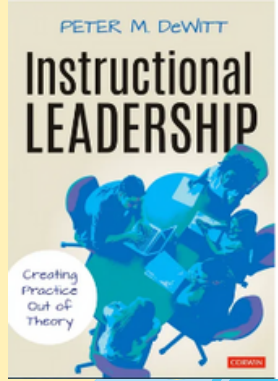
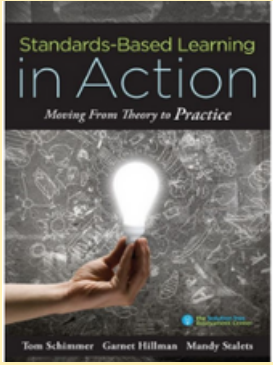
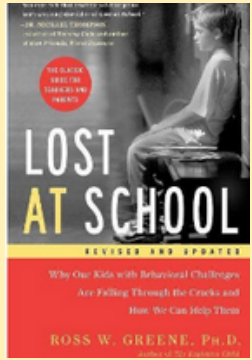
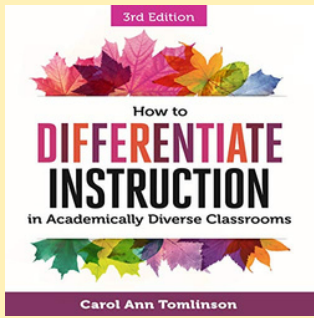
<p>Teaching Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountable Talk to Increase Engagement Art: Creativity, Connection & Collaboration Collaboration and Coaching to Support ALL Learners Essential Assessment Practices Math Fluency & Number Sense: Practices that Promote & Support a Growth Mindset Meaningful Math Makeovers: Making Math Problems More Engaging Meaningful Math Play from the First Day Turn Your Classroom into a Student-Centered Mathematical Playground 	<p>Leadership Practices AIG for Nonpublic Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching for Increased Results Feedback: Giving and Receiving It Effectively <p>High-Impact Instructional Leadership Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formative Assessment Lesson Coherence Student Engagement <p>Mentoring Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Basics Customizing for Your School Resources & Implementation <p>Onboarding Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systems & Structures Curriculum & Instructional Supports Ongoing Support for All Teachers Peer Coaching: Maximizing Expertise & Resources Substantial Equivalency for Nonpublic Schools 	<p>School & Classroom Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining Culture Family & Community Engagement Introduction to Restorative Practices Rebooting Classroom Culture for Post-Pandemic Teens
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End Of Year Reflection Ideas!



A Year in Review

Reflecting on the year is an important task for both you and your students. Discussing and reviewing the year can be a great way to understand your student's perspectives and gather their input. The following prompts and activities have been created to help generate conversation with students about the year. This is an easy way to show students that feedback can be fun while offering them a safe space to share their opinions. Feel free to modify any of the questions or activities in a way that meets your classrooms and students' needs, interests, etc.

Teacher Reflections

• What is one classroom management strategy that worked for me this year?	• How did I support my colleagues this year? How did they support me?
• What do I want to work on next year? Think about breaking this down into specific areas such as classroom management, relationship building, organization, etc.	• If I could go back and change one thing about this year, what would it be and why?
• What is one thing I need next year to be successful?	• What is one thing I have learned about myself as an educator this year?
• What was the most challenging aspect of this year?	• What was the most rewarding aspect of this year?
• Rate your ability to build relationships with students on a scale of 0-3. Why did you give yourself that score?	• What was one thing you did differently this year from last year? How did it go?

Student Reflections

Save the Date: RISE 2023

Leaders,
Mark your calendars for
our next RISE 2023
Leadership Conference.
November 15 - 16, 2023!
Albany Marriott
We hope to see you
there!

Click to
view and
download
the flyer!



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RISE 2023

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Hosted by Professional Development Resource Centers of New York State in partnership with NYS Education Dept and NYS Coalition for Independent and Religious Schools

LIVE AND IN-PERSON!
Wednesday and Thursday | November 15 and 16, 2023

Albany Marriott Hotel | 189 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY

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BUILDING AND VALIDATING NGSS/NYSSLS CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024

The *Institute in Practical Educational Science*, in conjunction with the *Greater Capital Region Teacher Center*, invites New York State K-12 science teachers to receive up to a \$5,000 stipend and up to 50 CTLE hours as part of its July 2023-June 2024 cohort. Participants will learn about the principles and methods of [Practical Educational Science](#) and how to apply them to build and validate classroom assessments for NGSS/NYSSLS standards.



The 2022-2023 Institute in Practical Educational Science cohort

Through a series of workshops, each teacher will develop a classroom assessment kit for NGSS/ NYSSLS performance expectations and then work with their own students over the course of the 2023-2024 academic year to test and refine their kit.

The first workshop is foundational and will be in-person in Saratoga Springs, NY from July 10 - July 14, 2023, 9:00 am-4:30 pm. (Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Accommodations and transportation are the responsibility of the participants.)

Once the school year begins, there will be monthly virtual workshops where participants will collaborate with each other and Institute leadership to evaluate and refine their developing assessment kits.

Participants must be K-12 classroom teachers throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. Educators at all levels of experience are welcome to apply.

Those who wish to join the *Institute in Practical Educational Science* 2023-2024 initiative must apply by May 12, 2023. The cohort is limited to 15 participants and applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. Notification of acceptance will be sent by June 2, 2023.

Please reach out if you have questions or would like to learn more about the Institute - info@acase.org.

APPLY ONLINE AT apply.acase.org