

The Upstate Professional Development Resource Center

Serving all Regions North of NYC

July 2023 Digital Newsletter



Summer PD is Here For You!

Join us for one of our **4 Summer Book Studies**, access our catalog of **39 on-demand courses**, or check out one of our **10 seed videos**. We hope to see you this summer. Click on the flyers throughout this newsletter to learn more!

~ The Upstate PDRC Team

[Check Out Our Summer Webpage HERE](#)

Book Studies

INTRODUCING THE UPSTATE PDRC Summer Blended Book Series
The Upstate PDRC is excited to offer 4 Summer Book Studies for teachers, administrators, and support staff in religious and independent schools.

- How to Differentiate Instruction in the Academically Diverse Classroom**
by Carol Ann Tomlinson
Elevate your understanding of differentiation and come away with hands-on strategies for helping all students succeed with grade level curriculum.
Facilitated by: Diana Scarsella Straut
- Standards-Based Learning in Action: Moving from Theory to Practice**
By: T. Schimmer, G. Hillman, and M. Skalets
Learn how to overcome the knowing-doing gap in standards-based learning systems, and move toward unpacking the standards and learning targets your students need.
Facilitated by: Karen Martin & Chris Karle
- Lost At School**
By: Ross Greene
Expand your ability to respond to challenging behaviors. Unpack and understand challenging behaviors as the lagging skills they are and learn about the evidence based tools to do so.
Facilitated by: Aleece Behr
- Instructional Leadership: Creating Practice Out of Theory**
by Peter Dewett
Explore instructional leadership through six areas: implementation, focus for learning, student engagement, instructional strategies, collective efficacy, and understanding impact through evidence.
Facilitated by: Rebecca Shea

Book studies will be blended with a combination of asynchronous reading & discussions using Google Classroom and synchronous discussions using Zoom.
Book studies will offer up to 15 CTLE credits.

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On-Demand

ON-DEMAND
FULL COURSES Available Anytime

Welcome to the Upstate PDRC Course Catalog!

These on-demand courses can be accessed at any time. Move through them at your own pace and earn CTLE credits.

For Leaders: Mentoring, Coaching, Onboarding, Instructional Leadership, AIS, Special Education, Retention/Recruitment, Hiring, and MORE

For Teachers: Co-teaching and Collaboration, Differentiation, Assessment, Math, Writing, Restorative Practices, Behavior, and MORE

[ACCESS ALL ON-DEMAND HERE](#)

Seed Videos

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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Differentiation Book Study

Facilitated by Diana Scarselletta Straut

Book

Zoom Dates

How to Differentiate Instruction in an Academically Diverse Classroom

July 17, 19, 21, 25, 27

How to Differentiate Instruction in Academically Diverse Classrooms
BY CAROL ANN TOMLINSON
SUMMER BLENDED BOOK SERIES

Carol Ann Tomlinson's book helps teachers connect differentiation to existing practices, and offers practical strategies for differentiation in every day planning.

Participants in this course will

- explore the foundations of differentiation and learn a decision making model to make grade level curriculum accessible to all students.
- look at actual lessons, units, and classrooms with differentiated instruction in action, with content relevant for elementary and secondary classrooms in nearly all subject areas.
- problem solve and share ideas to understand how to infuse differentiation into everyday practice.

Register Now!

BOOK: *How to Differentiate Instruction in Academically Diverse Classrooms*
DATES: July 17, 19, 21, 25, and 27
Facilitated by: Diana Scarselletta Straut | dstraout@measinc.com

Click Here for Course Syllabus

Book Study Details:

- Participants must obtain their own copy of the book - used, borrowed, digital, hard copy - whatever is best for you and your budget.
- This course will meet **synchronously via Zoom from 9:00am - 10:30am on July 17, 19, 21, 25, and 27.**
- An additional 1.5 hours each day will be allotted for **asynchronous work of independent reading and postings.** See the course syllabus and Google Classroom for more information.
- Up to **15 CTLE credits** will be awarded upon completion.

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Register HERE

Standards-Based Learning in Action: Moving from Theory to Practice
BY T. SCHIMMER, G. HILLMAN, & M. STALET
SUMMER BLENDED BOOK SERIES

Thinking about exploring the concepts of standards-based (or standards-referenced) learning and assessment? This book will help guide you in your search to refine your current strategies in standards-based learning, or help you explore your first steps in the journey.

Participants in this course will explore

- step-by-step guidance, and an exploration into the culture of standards-based education.
- research-based strategies-- resources you can implement right away.
- strategies to support the communication of these practices for your entire educational community (including parents and students).

Register Now!

BOOK: *Standards-Based Learning in Action*
DATES: August 8, 9, and 10
Facilitated by: Karen Marten | kmarten@measinc.com & Chris Karle

Click Here for Course Syllabus

Book Study Details:

- Participants must obtain their own copy of the book - used, borrowed, digital, hard copy - whatever is best for you and your budget.
- This course will meet **synchronously via Zoom from 9:30am - 11:30am on August 8, 9, and 10.**
- An additional 3 hours each day will be allotted for **asynchronous work of independent reading and postings.** See the course syllabus and Google Classroom for more information.
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Lost At School Book Study



Facilitated by Aleece Behr

Book

Lost at School: Why Our Kids with Behavior Challenges are Falling Through the Cracks & How We Can Help Them

Zoom Dates

July 24, 26, 31, & August 2

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Instructional Leadership Book Study



Facilitated by Rebecca Shea

Book

Instructional Leadership: Creating Practice Out of Theory

Zoom Dates

August 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP: CREATING PRACTICE OUT OF THEORY
 BY PETER DEWITT
 SUMMER BLENDED BOOK SERIES

Dr. Peter DeWitt's book provides practical tools for delivering lasting improvement through small, manageable changes over time.

Participants in this course will explore

- instructional leadership practices.
- strategies to bring leaders and teachers/staff together to focus on student learning & engagement.
- evidence collection from staff for effective, two-way feedback cycles.
- practical strategies and entry points based on where your school is now.

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BOOK: Instructional Leadership
 DATES: August 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18
 Facilitated by: Rebecca Shea | rshea@measinc.com

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Lost at School: Why Our Kids with Behavioral Challenges are Falling Through the Cracks and How We Can Help Them
 BY ROSS GREENE
 SUMMER BLENDED BOOK SERIES

Dr. Greene describes how his road-tested, evidence-based approach, called Collaborative Problem Solving, can help challenging kids at school.

Participants in this course will

- explore the foundations of challenging behavior and motivations behind them.
- look at an evidence-based approach to help organize responses to challenging behavior.
- review how to assess and understand behavior from a lens of lagging skills.
- group problem-solve and share ideas to understand how to turn the challenge of responding to behavior into approachable and actionable steps.

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BOOK: Lost at School
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 Facilitated by: Aleece Behr | abehr@measinc.com

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NEW!

On-Demand

NEW Courses Added

New Teacher Academy

Course 4: Assessment for Learning

Course 5: Reflective Practice & Professional Growth

ON-DEMAND COURSES & RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

Presented by the Upstate Professional Development Center

Math

Meaningful Math Makeovers: Making Math Problems More Engaging

Meaningful Math Play From the First Day

Meaningful Fluency and Number Sense: Practices That Support and Promote a Growth Mindset

Turn Your Classroom Into a Student-Centered Mathematical Playground

Seed Videos:

Short (5-minute) PD "Bites"
Math Openers 1: "My Favorite No"
Math Openers 2: "Always, Sometimes, Never"
Math Openers 3: The Debate
Math Openers 4: "Can you spot the mistake?"

Differentiation

Differentiation Made Easier

Resources:
Differentiation Resources by Topic Area

New Teachers

New and Novice Teacher Academy

On-Demand Courses:
Course 1: Classroom Climate & Managing the Learning Environment

Course 2: Designing High-Quality Learning for ALL Students

Course 3: Delivering High-Quality Learning Experiences for ALL Students

Course 4: Assessment for Learning

Course 5: Reflection and Professional Growth

Positive Behavior

Introduction to Restorative Practices

Seed Videos:

Short (5-minute) PD "Bites"
Behavior 101: Understanding the Basics of Behavior
Behavior 101: Understanding How Behavior is a Communication Tool (Part 1)
Behavior 101: Behavior as Communication Case Studies (Part 2)

Writing

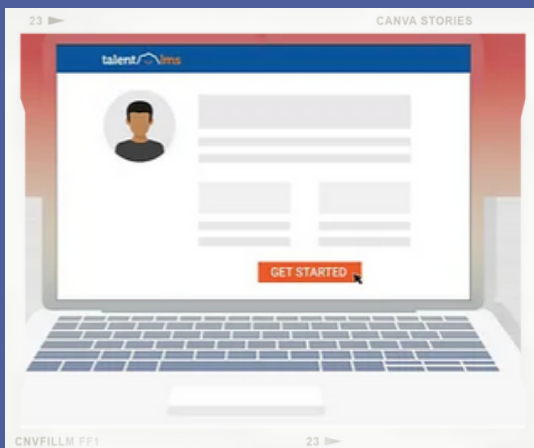
Aligning Instruction:
Unpacking Writing Standards
Designing Checklists to Support Student Writing
Using Mentor Texts to Improve Student Writing

High-Impact Practices

Essential Assessment

Promoting Student Independence with Prompt Hierarchies & Natural Support

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MTSS Online Conference

August 9 - 10, 2023



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New York State Education Department
Multi-Tiered System of Supports—Integrated

MTSS-I Virtual Learning Summit
Tiered for Success: An Unwavering Focus on Student Growth

August 9-10, 2023
Online Conference

NYS ED.gov

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Save the Date: RISE 2023

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our next RISE 2023
Leadership Conference.
November 15 - 16, 2023!
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We hope to see you
there!

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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

39th Annual Conference for independent and religious school leaders. An engaging 2-day event filled with keynotes and over 24 high-interest sessions.

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