

# The Upstate Professional Development Resource Center

Serving all Regions North of NYC

## April 2023 Digital Newsletter

### Religious & Independent School Educators:

This month we have some great PD that addresses topics including recruitment and retention of staff, giving students with disabilities access to the general ed curriculum, finding a balance in religious and secular instruction, improving student writing, and much more available on-demand. We invite you to participate in any of our offerings listed below.

Reach out if you have questions.

## Upcoming Professional Development At A Glance

### Upcoming Webinars

#### Recruitment & Retention of Teachers

Tuesday, April 18th, 4-5pm

#### High Expectations & Access to Curriculum

Thursday, April 20th, 4-5pm

#### Balancing Religious & Secular Instruction

Tuesday, April 25th, 4-5pm

#### Using Mentor Texts to Improve Student Writing

Thursday, March 27th, 4-5pm



### Now Available On-Demand

Click the flyer to learn more about our on-demand courses!



#### NEW Courses: Co-Teaching for Collaboration

Essential Assessment  
Practices  
Academic Intervention  
Services (AIS)



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

Teaching Practices	Leadership Practices	School & Classroom Environment
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## Resources for Inclusive Practices:

Are you making the **LEAST DANGEROUS ASSUMPTION** about your students with disabilities? [Check out this blog and video to find out more about this important idea.](#)

Not sure where to begin when giving students with disabilities access to general education curriculum? [Check out the downloadable SDI Decision Tree in this article from The Ability Challenge.](#)



## Upcoming Courses: The Inclusive Practice Series (TIPS)

Presented by Diana Scarselletta Straut

### Session Three: High Expectations & Access to Curriculum

Thursday, Apr. 20, 4pm-5pm

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

Wednesday, May 10, 4pm-5pm

Click the flyer to view course descriptions & registration information!

**GROW WHAT YOU KNOW**  
**THE INCLUSIVE PRACTICE (TIPS) SERIES**  
Hosted by the Upstate Professional Development Center  
Presented by Diana Scarselletta Straut  
A series for anyone interested in improving their understanding and practice of how to create a culture of inclusion for diverse learners

**Session One:** Assess your school's inclusion practices for students with disabilities  
• 4 brief lessons of inclusive schooling  
• 3 lessons to identify areas for growth, and  
• Learn how rubric, evidence and anecdotes can help all students feel that they belong and can be successful

**Session Two:** Explore the ingredients of powerful partnerships with paraprofessionals:  
• The relationship  
• The roles and responsibilities, and  
• The rewards for students and teachers.  
Come away with strategies and resources. **Audience:** Anyone who is working to improve collaboration between two or more adults in a classroom.

**Session Three:** Learn strategies for offering all students relevant and challenging curricula, including:  
• The Least Dangerous Assumption  
• Teaching to and  
• Demonstrating high expectations and opportunities to students.

**Session Four:** Join a round table forum to  
• Exchange strategies for building seamless connections between general education and special education.  
• Begin immediately planning to improve access, equity, and inclusion for all students in the coming school year.

**Coming Soon!**  
Sampling & Seed videos for TIPS!  
Short on-demand learning to explore  
CoTeaching, and Quick PD 5min videos to  
essential Tasks for TIPS!

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## On-Demand Courses for Inclusive Practices

[Collaboration & CoTeaching to Support ALL Learners](#)

[Differentiation Made Easier](#)

[Essential Assessment Practices](#)

## Seed Videos for TIPS

Short videos for PD on the go!  
*Getting to Know Your Co-Teacher*  
*Are We Really Co-Teaching? Self Assessment Tool*  
*We, Ours, Us: Parity in the Co-Taught Classroom*



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## Leadership Resources

Article: [Focus on Retention: How to Keep Your Best Teachers](#)

Article: [A Strong BOND Supports Teacher Retention](#)



## Upcoming Courses: Spring Leadership Series

Presented by Laura Lavine

### Session Four: **Recruitment & Retention of Teachers**

Tuesday, Apr. 18, 4pm-5pm

### Session Five: **Balancing Religious & Secular Instruction**

Tuesday, Apr. 25, 4pm-5pm

## We Want Your Input!

### Summertime and the livin' is easy.

We want your access to summer PD to be easy too! Please take a minute to fill out this 5-question survey below that will help us plan Professional Development for summer 2023 that best fits your needs and your schedule.

**TAKE SURVEY**



If you have additional suggestions or PD needs, feel free to contact Diana Scarselletta Straut.  
[dstraut@measinc.com](mailto:dstraut@measinc.com)

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**GROW WHAT YOU KNOW**  
**LEADERSHIP SERIES**  
Hosted by the Upstate Professional Development Center

**NEW!**

Presented by Laura Lavine  
*A highly experienced NYS leader with both nonpublic and public school experience.*

**Session One:** **Substantial Equivalency**  
What is substantial equivalency and why do you need to understand it? Learn how to select and direct your path to demonstrate substantial equivalency for your nonpublic school.  
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 4pm-5pm

**Session Two:** **Recruitment & Retention of Teachers**  
How do you support students at risk for not meeting state standards in ELA and Mathematics as measured by 3-8 state assessments? Learn what AIS is, ways to implement it, and the funding available for your nonpublic school.  
Tuesday, Mar. 14, 4pm-5pm

**Session Three:** **Special Education for Nonpublic School Students**  
How can you provide special education for nonpublic students with disabilities? Learn about the guidelines for parentally placed nonpublic elementary and secondary students with disabilities and how to work with your District of Location.  
Tuesday, Mar. 28, 4pm-5pm

**Session Four:** **Recruitment & Retention of Teachers**  
How do you hire and support new teachers? How do you capitalize on their talents and address areas of need? Learn ways to recruit, capitalize on talent, and identify needs for PD.  
Tuesday, Apr. 18, 4pm-5pm

**Session Five:** **Balancing Religious & Secular Instruction**  
How do you find the balance between secular and religious instruction? Learn ways to navigate this path and develop a productive balance at your nonpublic school.  
Tuesday, Apr. 25, 4pm-5pm

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Questions?  
Contact Rebecca Shea [rshea@measinc.com](mailto:rshea@measinc.com)

**Leadership On-Demand:**  
Substantial Equivalency for Nonpublic Schools  
Academic Intervention Services (AIS) for Nonpublic Schools



# Writing Series

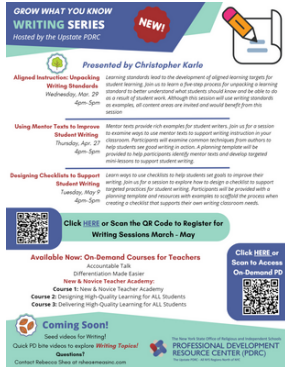
Presented by Christopher Karle

## Using Mentor Texts to Improve Student Writing

Thursday, Apr. 27, 4pm-5pm

## Designing Checklists to Support Student Writing

Tuesday, May 9, 4pm-5pm



Click the flyer to view course descriptions & registration information!



## Writing Resources

Video: [How to Unpack an ELA Standard](#)

Video: [Unpacking Standards](#)

## New & Novice Teacher Academy:

Classroom Climate & Managing the Learning Environment

Designing High-Quality Learning

for ALL Students

Delivering High-Quality Learning Experiences for ALL Students

On Demand

## Resources for Teamwork & Instructional Coaching

Article: [3 Habits of Highly Effective Teacher Teams](#)

Article: [Bringing Teachers Into Instructional Leadership Teams](#)

## On-Demand Courses for Team Collaboration & Instructional Coaching

Peer Coaching: Maximizing Expertise & Resources

Feedback: Giving and Receiving It Effectively

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# New On-Demand Courses

## Mentoring: Resources & Implementation

Click [HERE](#) to learn more

## Peer Coaching: Maximizing Expertise & Resources

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## Collaboration and Coteaching to Support ALL Learners


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## Feedback: Giving & Receiving It

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# Looking for PD tips but short on time? We've got you covered!



## Check out Upstate PDRC's *NEW* Seed videos!

Seed videos are short 3-8 minute clips that delve into one specific topic or resource. These videos are intended to be easy, accessible, and informative resources to watch and implement quickly and efficiently. Our first batch of Seed videos include resources for beginning co-teachers and math lesson openers. Stay tuned for more each month!

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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## 5 Minute PD Bites

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# 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!

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the flyer!



## Additional PD Resources for NYS Educators

### PD for Supporting ELLs

NYSED's eight Regional Bilingual Education Resource Networks (RBERNs) help schools across NYS create an educational environment for English Language Learners. [CLICK HERE](#) to see what is happening in your RBERN that might support your school!

### **RBERN** On-Demand Learning



Click [HERE](#) or scan to visit NYS RBERN's On-Demand Learning

### PD for Supporting Students in SpEd & Intervention

NYSED's Office of Special Education provides regional PD for supporting students in Special Education.

**Future sessions include:**  
*Identifying and Intensifying Interventions*  
*Science of Reading*  
*Phonological Awareness: Establishing Foundations for Reading Success*  
*Best Practices in Explicit Vocabulary Instruction*

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more!

### Attention NYS Social Studies Teachers!

The Capital District Council of Social Studies Teachers is hosting an upcoming Mini-Conference on April 22nd from 9am - 3pm.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more & register for this in-person mini-conference!

Find Your Regional SS Council [HERE!](#)

