

July 28, 2016 – Breakout Sessions

8:30 a.m. to 9:45

Intro to Project-Based Learning

Target Audience: K-6 Teachers

Presenter: Tom Hoff

Project-based Learning has been proven to be an effective method to increase student motivation and retention of learning, yet very few teachers implement this teaching strategy in the classroom. This interactive session will give you a chance to experience Project-based Learning from the student's perspective and see how starting with small projects can be a "safe" way to explore this teaching method.

Action Compassion: Mental Health & Key Warning Signs of Early-Onset Mental Illness in Children & Adolescents ***Meets licensure requirements for Mental Health*

Target Audience: K-12

Presenter: Teresa Hunt

Outcomes of the Action Compassion:

- Understand the key warning signs of early-onset mental illness
- Learn intervention strategies geared to helping students
- Use Action Compassion to advocate for the students you work with
 - License renewal Key Warning Signs for Early-Onset Mental Health CEU available

Support for ELs Within the Classroom: Inclusive Practices for All Teachers

Target Audience: General Ed Teachers grades K-12

***Meets licensure requirements for Best Practices for English Learners*

Presenter: Melany Wellnitz

This session will provide general education teachers K-12 with a few strategies they can implement in their classrooms to support ELs. Strategies will include a focus on academic language, writing skills, and lesson structure.

8:30 a.m. to 11:15 - BLOCK SESSION

Guided Reading for the K-2 Classroom

***Meets licensure requirements for Reading Preparation*

Presenter: Cathy Mrla

Participants will learn how to help students become more proficient readers through differentiated instruction in small, guided reading groups. Other topics covered will be how to analyze assessment data to form flexible groups, select appropriate texts, and plan guided reading lessons for effective literacy instruction of diverse students. You will also learn to administer and use running records of oral reading behaviors to study a child's progress in reading over time. Tips for effective implementation will be shared.

10:00 a.m. to 11:15

A Variety of Formative Assessments for Elementary

Presenter: Lisa Gregoire

Looking for some new assessment ideas? Join this session to learn about a variety of easy-to-use, formative assessments across grade levels and content areas.

Activities for Early Finishers Board & Passion Project

Target Audience: K-12 Teachers

****Meets licensure requirements for Accommodations, Modification, and Adaption of Curriculum**

Presenter: Teresa Hunt

Are you racking your brain for new ideas on how to keep your early finishers engaged in your class once they've finished your lesson? Come check out the early finishers board idea and other ideas such as the Passion Project you can implement in your classroom to challenge those early finishers.

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11:15 to 12:00 – LUNCH ON YOUR OWN!!!

12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

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APP Swap: Pair and Share your Favorite App

Target Audience: K-12 Teachers

****Meets licensure requirements for Technology Integration**

Presenter: Teresa Hunt

What is an App Swap you might ask? It's a chance to showcase an application you feel enhances your teaching or the way you build connections with kids to enhance student achievement. Come prepared to share your favorite app and learn from others

Guided Math

Presenter: Cathy Mrla

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Hooks for Student Engagement

Target Audience: K-12 Teachers

Presenter: Melany Wellnitz

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1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

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PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)

Target Audience: K-12 Teachers

****Meets licensure requirements for Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies**

Presenter: Teresa Hunt

Are you interested in increasing positive student behaviors which then will lead to increased student achievement? A positive school climate can lead to greater student access. This program will identify the key components and 8 step process new cohort schools go through while in training. It will showcase many sample ideas on what SWPBIS looks like in our MN Schools. If you already are a PBIS school but want new ideas on funding sources, PBIS staff commitment, recognitions/rewards/acknowledgements for staff and students... this could be the PBIS networking session you have been waiting for!

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