

Summer Institute 2014

Communication, Collaboration & Learning

Monday, June 9

8:00 – 11:00 GMSS 1st Floor Computer Lab

Edmodo

Instructional Technology Facilitators will be on hand to support teachers who want to work with Edmodo as a collaborative tool.

Facilitator – Technology Staff

Tuesday, June 10

8:00 – 11:00 GMSN 1st Floor Computer Lab

Windows 8.1 – K-12

With Windows 8.1, you and your students can consume and upload data, connect and collaborate, and even create presentations – all while working from anywhere. In this session you will learn how to make your Windows 8.1 device come alive for you. This session will take you through the basics of working with your device. At the end of this session you will easily be able to make the most of your apps and tools so you can start imagining the possibilities of enhancing your instruction for this fall!

Facilitator – Microsoft Staff

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Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Grades 6-12

It's not about the device! Participants will review their current curriculum and how technology can enhance, change, and strengthen what/how students are learning, no matter what the device might be.

Facilitator – Julie Williams

We are: Self-directed, lifelong learners;
Effective communicators;
Complex, creative, & adaptive thinkers;
And collaborative & productive citizens.



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8:00 – 11:00 Central Office Library

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Refresher Training

This formal refresher program from Crisis Prevention Institute will expand upon the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training concepts. Refresher programs should take place every 6-12 months. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Facilitator – Amy Campbell & Sheree Novotny

Wednesday, June 11

8:00 – 11:00 FES

Following Fractions from Grade 3 to Grade 5

Do you sometimes wonder where a fraction lesson is headed? Are you interested in learning what students have done with fractions before they get to you or what's in store for them a year from now? Come join this session and explore the progression of fraction concepts. We will touch on the very beginnings of fraction language in primary grades but we will quickly dive in to discover how concepts build on one another from the beginning of third grade to the end of elementary school and beyond. Understanding the big picture will enable you to reach students at different levels and increase your own confidence in addressing Common Core fraction standards. Participants should bring a laptop, tablet or other mobile device if possible.

Facilitator – Jackie Biener

Wednesday, June 11

8:00 – 11:00 GMSS

Mental Health in the Classroom – K-12

Participants will become familiar with common mental illnesses found in school-aged children, as well as routines and interventions that work best with differing student needs. Electronic resources will be available for future reference.

Facilitators – Beth Plachetka, LCSW, Ed.D.; Janet Meeks, Special Ed. Learning Facilitator, GHS

Wednesday, June 11

12:00 – 3:00 GMSN 1st Floor Computer Lab

Office 365

Office 365 creates experiences that help students easily connect with each other, with faculty and with experts to inspire, research and form new ideas. With Office 365, you will be able to use websites, online document editing and storage and IM and video conferencing to deliver great learning experiences. At the end of this session, you will be able to use the tools that will help you to transform your classroom next year by flipping your classroom, delivering project-based learning experiences and enabling 21st century skills such as collaboration and communication.

Facilitator – Microsoft Staff

Wednesday, June 11

12:00 – 3:00 GMSS

Harnessing the Professional Synergy of Collaboration K-12

New mandates and procedures provide opportunities for staff members to work collaboratively, sharing resources, experiences and understanding. Collaboration in the form of PLCs and teaming across grades, and across levels will be discussed.

Facilitators – Beth Plachetka, LCSW, Ed.D.; Janet Meeks, Special Ed. Learning Facilitator, GHS

Thursday, June 12

8:00 – 11:00 GMSN 1st Floor Computer Lab

Eschool View K-12

Instructional Technology Facilitators will be on hand to support teacher who want to work on their webpages.

Facilitator – Julie Williams and Mark Pool

Thursday, June 12

8:00 – 11:00 Central Office Library

Tape Diagrams for Grades 2 - 5

As a teacher, you know that many students groan when it's time to solve math word problems. Why is that? Are the problems too difficult? Do students get lost trying to decipher the wording or figure out the computation? Do they simply not know which strategy to use? Luckily, a Tape Diagram is a strategy for word problems that will help your students start to enjoy math in a way they may never have before.

Facilitator – Donna Potaczek

Thursday, June 12

12:00 – 3:00 Central Office Library

***Why Won't You Just Tell Us the Answer: Teaching Historical Thinking in Grades 7-12* by Bruce Lesh – Book Study**

This book study supports the CCSS for literacy in social studies as well as the C-3 Frameworks. The author provides specific unit examples for the secondary level incorporating the literacy standards and historical thinking outlined in the standards.

Facilitator – Kim Hollis

Monday, August 4

8:00 – 11:00 GMSN 1st Floor Computer Lab

Assessment Data: How to Find It, Access It, and Make Decisions From It – K-12

PerformanceTRACKER provides a single point of reference for access to the information needed to make data-driven decisions that enhance instruction. Using **PerformanceTRACKER** educators can generate a variety of reports, charts, and graphs for easy viewing and thorough analysis. During this overview session, teachers will explore their students' assessment data, identify the reports best suited for their curricular and instructional planning, use data to create flexible student groups that focus on specific strengths and needs in student performance, and learn how easily **PerformanceTRACKER** integrates with Teacher Access Center.

Facilitator – Performance Plus Staff

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12 - 3 GMSN 1st Floor Computer Lab

Creating and Using Online Assessments K-12

Have you been searching for an online assessment tool that easily integrates with your student roster? **AssessmentBUILDER** gives teachers the opportunity to create, score and analyze benchmark assessments, with the option of importing those scores into their Teacher Access Center gradebook. During this overview session, teachers will investigate how assessment data informs curricular and instructional decisions, align targeted standards and assessment items, explore the Content Library as one resource for standards-based assessment items, and create and score open-ended, constructed response, and performance assessments.

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Tuesday, August 5

8:00 – 11:00 Central Office PD Room

Tape Diagrams for Grades 6 - 9

As a teacher, you know that many students groan when it's time to solve math word problems. Why is that? Are the problems too difficult? Do students get lost trying to decipher the wording or figure out the computation? Do they simply not know which strategy to use? Luckily, a Tape Diagram (also known as a Bar Model) is a strategy for word problems that will help your students start to enjoy math in a way they may never have before.

Facilitator – Donna Potaczek

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GMSLearn (Learning Platform)

Uses of GMSLearn include posting documents and links students will need, creating surveys for student responses, creating a discussion board area for students to post and answer questions, creating blogs for students to post their thoughts and opinions on different topics, creating a calendar of events and assignments. Students can also turn in assignments or upload assignments for their teachers to view and grade. All of this can occur in a safe & secure learning environment!

Facilitator – Mark Pool

Registration for the June session is due on

Friday, June 6th

Registration for the August session is due on

Monday, June 30th

Send all forms to Office of Learning & Teaching