

SOUTHERN DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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Literacy Specific OFFERINGS OF THE SDPDC

FOCUS:

- Literacy for Grades 6-12 in the areas of:
 - o Reading in the Content Area
 - Special Education
 - General Education
 - English Language Learners
 - Gifted and Talented Students

SERVICES:

- Learning Focused Solutions Training and Support
- Data
 - Using data to guide instruction
 - Learning how to use available data from D.O.E. to identify areas of improvement
 - Reviewing and implementing accommodations and modifications for ELL and Special Education students
- DSTP preparation
 - Integrating sample DSTP questions into lessons
 - Using state rubric to score writing prompts
 - Test Talks
- Develop common/quarterly assessments
 - Creation and implementation of common assessments to better improve instruction
- Develop school-based Literacy framework
- Design workshops that focus on literacy-specific professional development
 - Reading/Writing in the Content Area
 - Preteaching
 - Vocabulary Development
 - Developing summarization techniques

- Developing extending and refining of lessons
- Diagnosing an remediating reading problems
- Readability/Lexile Levels
- Response to Intervention
- Differentiated Instruction
- Flexible grouping
- o Inclusion
- Content Modifications for special needs students
- Word Walls
- Essential Questions
- Improving student/teacher discourse
- New Literacies
- o Before, During and After Reading Strategies
- Customized professional development
- Development of school/district/department Walk Through Instrument
- Customized department assistance
 - Allow the department to identify their own needs
- Curriculum Mapping
 - o 502 Alignment
 - Development of Content Maps
 - o Prioritizing Curriculum
 - Understanding by Design
- Creating inexpensive long-term student learning projects
- Specific actions to help teachers with students struggling in reading
- Best practices with diverse learning styles
- Best practices in pre, formative and summative assessments
- Assistance with Odyssey of the Mind/Gifted Programs
- Individual Teacher Support
 - o Interpretation, Implementation, and Alignment of Standards
 - Open House Preparation
 - Teacher Observation Support
 - o Parental Communication
 - Best practices
 - Classroom management
 - Provide sources for lesson plans
 - o Link to University of Delaware resources in the Language Arts