

Literacy in Action: Writing Academy *Improving Student Achievement in Writing*



DESCRIPTION: This program is designed to provide in-depth training for schools/teachers located in the Southwest Region and will focus on teaching the content of the Grade-Level Expectations (GLEs) and instructional strategies for WRITING. The academy is a year-long commitment that consists of four regional trainings.

The training will focus on Communication Arts/Writing, grades 5-8.

GOALS OF TRAINING:

- ❖ Participants will engage in the in-depth study of the Writing GLEs and the implications for instruction and assessment at all levels of Depth of Knowledge
- ❖ Participants will use new and current materials to develop research-based, effective classroom practices to support writing instruction
- ❖ Participants will develop skills in the assessment of writing, including MAP assessment and holistic scoring

APPLICANTS: Teachers must apply to participate in the academy.

Maximum benefit to a district will be achieved by sending a team of 3-5 teachers, but individuals are also welcome to attend (including administrators and special education teachers). Participants must plan to attend all four regional trainings.

COST: **\$350 per person for the four regional trainings.** In addition, participants will receive training binders and other professional resources, including two texts focusing on writing strategies. At regional training sessions, a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

TRAINING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS: All training sessions will be held in Springfield, MO at the SWRPDC / 5th floor (directions will be provided) and will start promptly at 9:00 AM (breakfast begins at 8:30 AM) and end at 3:00 PM.

Regional Training Session I:

September 18, 2009

Regional Training Session II:

October 23, 2009

Regional Training Session III:

November 23, 2009

Regional Training Session IV:

January 22, 2010

HOW TO APPLY FOR PARTICIPATION: Please complete the enclosed application form and submit it via email or fax to:

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Deadline for application has been extended.

If you have any questions, please call Danielle at (417)829-5075.

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Application Form

Date Submitted:

Date Received (Office Use Only):

Name of Person Completing Form:

Contact Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Name of School:

Name of School District:

School Mailing Address:

School Telephone Number:

School Fax Number:

Name of Building Principal:

Name of Superintendent:

Name of State Supervisor:

Demographics of Building: (Please complete all requested information related to your school.)

- Grade Range of Building:
- Number of Regular Classroom Teachers Who Address Writing:
- Number of Special Needs/Remedial Teachers Who Address Writing:

Give three reasons to explain why you would benefit from participation in the academy:

1)

2)

3)

Team Members (if applicable):

- Teachers of Writing / Communication Arts

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Class: _____

Email: _____

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List other professional development commitments for the 2009-2010 school year:

I have read the description of the PD training, understand the time commitment involved, and give my approval for the teacher(s) applying.

Building Principal:

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____