

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Special Education Administrators

FROM: Pat Homberg ^{PH}
Executive Director
Office of Special Programs

DATE: April 10, 2013

RE: 2013 SUMMER ACADEMIES' REGISTRATION

The attached documents provide content descriptions and logistical details for three (3) of the four (4) academies that Office of Special Programs is offering to West Virginia educators during the summer of 2013:

- Support for Specially Designed Instruction (SSDI) Academies
June 11-13, June 17-19, June 25-27
- Support for Personalized Instruction (SPI) Academies
July 9-11, July 16-18, July 23-25
- Autism Academies
June 25-27, July 16-18, July 30-August 1
- Math Academies
June 10-14, June 24-28, July 22-26

A grant award of \$5,000.00 is being issued to each county. This grant is to provide funding your district can use to support district determined stipends and travel costs for educators selected to participate in these academies. We ask that you read the details for each academy and work with others, as appropriate, to identify participants. Once participants are selected and contacted to confirm their commitment, we ask that you use the registration links embedded in each academy description to accomplish registration. At the end of each description you will find email addresses for the best contact, should you have specific questions.

SUMMER ACADEMIES – ALL OPTIONAL

DATES	ACADEMY	LOCATION	TARGET AUDIENCE
June 10-14	Math Academy – High Algebraic Thinking #5 & #6	Bridgeport Conference Center	19 SE High School Educators - Cohort 2 #5 & #6
	Math Academy – Middle Algebraic Thinking #5 & #6	Bridgeport Conference Center	30 SE Middle School Educators - Cohort 2 #5 & #6
	Math Academy – Elementary Early Fraction Concepts #5 & #6	Bridgeport Conference Center	32 SE Elementary Educators - Cohort 2 #5 & #6
	Math Academy – Geometry Middle	Bridgeport Conference Center	25 SE Middle School Educators - Cohort 3 New
June 11-13	Support for Specially Designed Instruction Academy	Best Western Plus Bridgeport Inn Bridgeport, WV	60 Special Educators RESAs 7 & 8
June 17-19	Support for Specially Designed Instruction Academy	The Resort at Glade Springs Daniels, WV	60 Special Educators RESAs 1, 3 & 4
June 24-28	Math Academy NxGCSOs High #7	Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center Beckley, WV	25 SE High School Educators Cohort 3 New
	Math Academy NxGCSOs Middle #7	Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center Beckley, WV	25 SE Middle School Educators Cohort 3 New
	Math Academy NxGCSOs Elementary #7	Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center Beckley, WV	25 SE Elementary Educators Cohort 3 New
	Math Academy Geometry High #7	Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center Beckley, WV	25 SE High School Educators Cohort 3 New
June 25-27	Autism Academy (Pre-K)	The Resort at Glade Springs Daniels, WV	30 Pre-K Educators RESAs 1, 3 & 4
June 25-27	Support for Specially Designed Instruction Academy	The Blennerhassett Hotel Parkersburg, WV	60 Special Educators RESAs 2, 5 & 6
July 9-11	Support for Personalized Instruction Academy	The Blennerhassett Hotel Parkersburg, WV	30 SE/GE Educators
July 16-18	Autism Academy (Pre-K)	Bridgeport Conference Center	30 Pre-K Educators RESAs 7 & 8
July 16-18	Support for Personalized Instruction Academy	Bridgeport Conference Center	30 SE/GE Educators
July 22-26	Math Academy NxGCSOs High #8	Lakeview Resort Morgantown, WV	25 SE High School Educators Cohort 3 New
	Math Academy NxGCSOs Middle #8	Lakeview Resort Morgantown, WV	25 SE Middle School Educators Cohort 3 New
	Math Academy NxGCSOs Elementary #8	Lakeview Resort Morgantown, WV	25 SE Elementary Educators Cohort 3 New
	Math Academy Geometry Middle #8	Lakeview Resort Morgantown, WV	25 SE Middle School Educators Cohort 3 New
	Math Academy Geometry High #8	Lakeview Resort Morgantown, WV	25 SE High School Educators Cohort 3 New
July 23-25	Support for Personalized Instruction Academy	The Resort at Glade Springs Daniels, WV	30 SE/GE Educators
July 30- August 1	Autism Academy (Pre-K)	The Blennerhassett Hotel Parkersburg, WV	30 Pre-K Educators RESAs 2, 5 & 6



2013 SUPPORT FOR SPECIALLY DESIGNED INSTRUCTION (SSDI) ACADEMIES

DESCRIPTION: A three-day, face-to-face summer academy, in June 2013, will bring county trainers together to examine Support for Specially Designed Instruction (SSDI). Participants will be expected to customize the modules provided and train their county staff.

CONTENT: In order to successfully implement the Common Core for all students, teachers need specific instructional strategies that will assist them in presenting these new concepts and skills. Although the NxGCOSs establish consistent expected achievements, they do not prescribe how teachers should teach and modify their instruction in order for all learners to be successful. The content focus for 2013-2014 will be to provide access for exceptional students to the WV Next Generation Standards and Objectives (WVNXGCOSs) and the WV Common Core Essential and Community Elements (WVCCEEs); writing Individualized Education Programs (IEPs); and developing structures to close the achievement gap.

PARTICIPANTS: It is recommended that counties select a training team of three (3) staff members representing high school/middle school WV NxGCOSs, elementary school WVNXGCOSs and WVCCEEs. The training-of-trainers model will focus on writing standards-based IEPs and accessing the WVNXGCOSs and WVCCEEs.

DATES/LOCATIONS: The 2013 SSDI Academies will occur in three (3) locations on three (3) separate sets of dates accommodating one hundred eighty (180) participants or three (3) per county, as follows:

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| • June 11-13 | Best Western Plus Bridgeport Inn | Bridgeport, WV |
| • June 17-19 | The Resort at Glade Springs | Daniels, WV |
| • June 25-27 | The Blennerhassett Hotel | Parkersburg, WV |

COST: The WVDE will cover the cost of the SSDI sessions including materials, meals and lodging during the summer; beginning the night before each session. Dinner will also be provided from 6:00-8:00 pm the night participants drive in. Each WV county will be issued a grant to finance summer travel and district determined stipends.

REGISTRATION: Special education director after conferring with appropriate county personnel and the selected team will register their county's team of three (3) online at the following link:
<http://wvde.state.wv.us/forms/2013/osp/summer/ssdi.php>

Questions will be addressed by Valerie Wilson, Coordinator Office of Special Programs, at vwilson@access.k12.wv.us.

Please register by May 10 to allow for necessary lodging arrangements to be made.



2013 SUPPORT FOR PERSONALIZED INSTRUCTION (SPI) ACADEMIES

DESCRIPTION: A three day, face-to-face, summer academy, beginning in July 2013, will bring teachers together to collaboratively investigate Support for Personalized Instruction (SPI). Digital networking will provide participants support as they work through implementation of the evidence-based instructional practices with their own students.

CONTENT: The content focus for 2013-2014 will be integrated formative assessment, Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Differentiated Instruction (DI). These instructional practices provide access to the WV Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives.

PARTICIPANTS: It is recommended that counties select a teaching pair, composed of a general educator and a special educator, from a single school, to attend as a team. The expectation will be that teaching pairs will implement a personalized action plan, allowing them to use classroom investigation and reflection to deepen and extend their learning. Teams could be expected, at the end of their experience, to help others in their school and/or county benefit from their learning. Teaching pairs serving students in grades K-12 are welcome to participate.

DATES/LOCATIONS: The 2013 SPI Summer Academies will occur in three (3) locations on three (3) separate sets of dates accommodating ninety (90) teachers or forty-five (45) teaching pairs, as follows:

- July 9-11 The Blennerhassett Hotel Parkersburg, WV
- July 16-18 Bridgeport Conference Center Bridgeport, WV
- July 23-25 The Resort at Glade Springs Daniels, WV

COST: The WVDE will cover the cost of the SPI sessions including materials, meals and lodging during the summer; beginning the night before each session. Dinner will also be provided from 6:00-8:00 pm the night participants drive in. Each WV county will be issued a grant to finance summer travel and district determined stipends.

REGISTRATION: Special education directors after conferring with appropriate county personnel and the selected team will register their county's teaching pair online at the following link:
<http://wvde.state.wv.us/forms/2013/osp/summer/spi.php>

Questions will be addressed by Ellen Oderman, Coordinator Office of Special Programs, at coderman@access.k12.wv.us.

Please register by May 10 to allow for necessary lodging arrangements to be made.



MATHEMATICS ACADEMIES

DESCRIPTION: A five-day, face-to-face summer academy, in June and July 2013 will bring special and general educators together to focus on mathematics. Fall and spring one-day follow-up meetings will be offered.

CONTENT: The focus for 2013-2014 is enhanced teacher content knowledge and instructional practices in mathematics resulting in student achievement gains in math, especially among special education students. Teachers should deepen their understanding of mathematics to meet the rigor of the WVNxGCSOs and move from a rote understanding of procedures to a deeper understanding of concepts.

WVNxGCSOs (High/Middle/Elementary School) - Deepen understanding of how to implement student-centered classrooms and apply Standards for Mathematical Practice into lessons; discuss and model best-practice instructional strategies to support NxGCSOs; analyze exemplary research-based versions of common core tasks for rigor; and build teacher capacity for developing their own rigorous student-centered tasks.

Algebraic Thinking (High/Middle School) - Analyze mathematical tasks; examine multiple representations of functions; explore ratio, rate and proportional reasoning from a functional perspective; compare linear, quadratic and exponential functions; and use technology to explore functions.

Early Fraction Concepts (Elementary School) - Investigate multiple representations of fractions; connect fractions as parts to whole and whole to parts; explore equivalent fractions; determine fractional representations given parts of the whole; compare and order fractions; examine fractions as division; and use models of fractions to solve problems.

Geometry (High/Middle School) - Complete and describe basic geometric constructions; use the formula for the area of a rectangle to calculate the area of other shapes; perform transformations of geometric figures on the coordinate plans; and explore the volumes of prisms, cylinders, pyramids, and spheres.

PARTICIPANTS: It is recommended that counties select special educators and general educators in co-teaching partnerships or special educators in pull-out classes who are serving students taking the WESTEST2.

DATES/LOCATIONS: The Math Academies will occur in three (3) locations on three (3) separate sets of dates accommodating three hundred thirty-one (331) teachers as follows:

- June 10-14 Bridgeport Conference Center Bridgeport, WV
 - Algebraic Thinking-High School (*Cohort 2 only*)
 - Algebraic Thinking-Middle School (*Cohort 2 only*)
 - Early Fraction Concepts-Elementary School (*Cohort 2 only*)
 - Geometry-Middle School

- June 24-28 Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center Beckley, WV
 - NxGCSOs-High School
 - NxGCSOs-Middle School
 - NxGCSOs-Elementary School
 - Geometry-High School

- July 22-26 Lakeview Resort Morgantown, WV
 - NxGCSOs-High School
 - NxGCSOs-Middle School
 - NxGCSOs-Elementary School
 - Geometry-Middle School
 - Geometry-High School

COST: The WVDE will cover costs of materials and meals for the Math Academy sessions. Each WV county will be issued a grant to finance summer travel and district determined stipends.

REGISTRATION: The special education director after conferring with appropriate county personnel and the selected teachers will register their county's participants online at the following link: <http://wvde.state.wv.us/forms/2013/osp/summer/math.php>

Questions will be addressed by Mary Pat Farrell, Coordinator Office of Special Programs, at mfarrell@access.k12.wv.us.

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