



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.