



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 NxGCSOs 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 (WVNxGCSOs) and the WV Common Core Essential and Community Elements (WVCCECEs); 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 NxGCSOs, elementary school WVNxGCSOs and WVCCECEs. The training-of-trainers model will focus on writing standards-based IEPs and accessing the WVNxGCSOs and WVCCECEs.

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.