

The Upstate Professional Development Resource Center

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March 2023 Digital Newsletter

Hello Religious & Independent School Educators!

This month we have some great PD that addresses topics including partnerships with paraeducators, essential assessment practices, making teamwork meaningful, and much more available on-demand. We invite you to participate in any of our offerings listed below. Reach out if you have questions.

~ Rebecca Shea, Upstate PDRC Director, rshea@measinc.com

Upcoming Professional Development At A Glance

LIVE Webinars

Feedback: Coaching for Instructional Practice

Thursday, March 9th, 4-5pm

AIS for Nonpublic Schools

Tuesday, March 14th, 4-5pm

Better Than Carrots or Sticks Book Study: Chapters 5 & 6

Wednesday, March 15th, 4-5pm

Partnerships w/Paraeducators

Thursday, March 16th, 4-5pm

Making Teamwork Meaningful

Tuesday, March 21st, 4-5pm

Essential Assessment Practices

Wednesday, March 22nd, 4-5pm

Special Education for Nonpublic Schools

Tuesday, March 28th, 4-5pm

Unpacking Writing Standards

Wednesday, March 29th, 4-5pm

Now Available On-Demand

Click the flyer to learn more about our on-demand courses!



NEW Courses:

Mentoring

Co-Teaching

Peer Coaching

Feedback

Substantial

Equivalency

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Teaching Practices:	Leadership Practices:	School & Classroom Environment:
Accountable Talk to Increase Engagement	Coaching for Increased Results	Defining Culture
Art: Creativity, Connection, Collaboration, & You	Mentoring: The Basics	Family & Community Engagement
Differentiation Made Easier	Mentoring: Customizing for Your School	Introduction to Restorative Practices
Meaningful Fluency & Number Sense: Practices that Promote & Support a Growth Mindset	Mentoring: Resources & Implementation	Rebuilding Classroom Culture for Post-Pandemic Times
Meaningful Math Makeovers: Making Math Problems More Engaging	Peer Coaching: Maximizing Expertise & Resources	
Meaningful Math Play From the First Day	Substantial Equivalency for Nonpublic NYS Schools	
Turn Your Classroom into a Student-Centered Mathematical Playground	Feedback: Giving and Receiving it Effectively	
Collaboration and Coaching to Support ALL Learners	Series: High-Impact Instructional Leadership	
Series: New & Novice Teaching Academy	Formative Assessment	
Classroom Climate & Managing the Learning Environment	Lesson Coherence	
Designing High-Quality Learning for ALL Students	Student Engagement	
Delivering High-Quality Learning Experiences for ALL Students	Series: Onboarding Systems & Structures	
	Curriculum & Instructional Supports	
	Ongoing Support for All Teachers	



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Resources for Inclusive Practices:

[Blog: What's the Big IDEA? Inclusion vs. Independence](#)

[Blog: Promoting Independence: The Prompt Hierarchy](#)

[Article: 3 Ways to Fade Prompts](#)



Upcoming Courses: The Inclusive Practice Series (TIPS)

Presented by Diana Scarselletta Straut

Session Two: Powerful Partnerships With Paraeducators

Thursday, Mar. 16, 4pm-5pm

Session Three: High Expectations & Access to Curriculum

Thursday, Apr. 20, 4pm-5pm

Session Four: Setting the Table for Inclusion in the Next School Year

Wednesday, May 10, 4pm-5pm

New On-Demand Collaboration & CoTeaching to Support ALL Learners

[Click HERE for Course Outline](#)

Click the flyer to view course descriptions & registration information!

GROW WHAT YOU KNOW
THE INCLUSIVE PRACTICE (TIPS) SERIES
Hosted by the Upstate Professional Development Center

Presented by Diana Scarselletta Straut

Session One: TIPS Kickoff: Creating a Culture of Inclusion
Thursday, Feb. 9, 4pm-5pm

- Assess your school's inclusion practices for students with disabilities
- 4 basic tenets of inclusive schooling
- 3 areas to identify areas for growth and learn how rules, mistakes and standards can help all students feel that they belong and can be successful.

Session Two: Powerful Partnerships With Paraeducators
Thursday, Mar. 16, 4pm-5pm

- Explore the ingredients of powerful partnerships with paraeducators: the relationship, the roles and responsibilities, and the rewards for students and teachers.
- Come away with strategies and resources. **Audience:** Anyone who is working to improve collaboration between two or more adults in a classroom.

Session Three: High Expectations & Access to Curriculum
Thursday, Apr. 20, 4pm-5pm

- Learn strategies for offering all students relevant and challenging curricula, including:
 - The Least Dangerous Assumption
 - Teaching Up and
 - Demonstrating high expectations and opportunities to students.

Session Four: Setting the Table for Inclusion in the Next School Year
Wednesday, May 10, 4pm-5pm

- Join a round table forum to exchange strategies for building seamless connections between general education and special education.
- Begin intentionally planning to improve access, equity, and inclusion for all students in the coming school year.

Coming Soon!
Sampling & Seed videos for TIPS!
Short on-demand training to explore Contentelling and Quick PD bite videos to explore [Tips for TIPS](#)

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Powerful Partnerships With Paraeducators

Thursday, Mar. 16, 4pm-5pm

GROW WHAT YOU KNOW
THE INCLUSIVE PRACTICE SERIES (TIPS) SESSION TWO
Hosted by the Upstate Professional Development Center

POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARAEUCATORS
Presented by Diana Scarselletta Straut
Mar. 16, 2023, 4pm-5pm

Audience: Designed for teachers, paraeducators and anyone supporting students with learning disabilities in inclusive classrooms!

Join us to learn **tools and templates** that help you:

- Work smarter, not harder
- Define roles and responsibilities
- Deliver high-quality instruction and support to students
- Improve classroom climate, and...

Have FUN!

The focus of this series is generally on meeting the needs of students with disabilities but also addresses an overall commitment to practices promoting diversity, equity, and belonging in the classroom.

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Powerful Partnerships With Paraeducators
Thursday, Mar. 16, 2023
4pm-5pm

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Resources for Instructional Leadership (Feedback):

Article: [How To Give The Most Effective Feedback](#)

Article: [The Principal's Playbook for Two-Way Feedback](#)

Article: [Seven Keys To Effective Feedback](#)

Article: [Feedback as a Form of Care In Schools](#)

Article: [Setting Up Informal Effective Teacher Observations](#)



Upcoming Courses: The Instructional Leadership Series

Session Three: Feedback: Coaching Instructional Practice

Thursday, Mar. 9, 4pm-5pm

Session Four: Making Teamwork Meaningful

Tuesday, Mar. 21, 4pm-5pm

NEW Leadership On-Demand Courses:

Peer Coaching: Maximizing Expertise & Resources

Mentoring:

Resources & Implementation

Feedback: Giving and Receiving It

Substantial Equivalency for Nonpublic Schools



Coaching For Results Available On-Demand



Click HERE to view On-Demand Course Outline

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GROW WHAT YOU KNOW INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP SERIES
Hosted by the Upstate Professional Development Center

NEW!

Session One: Coaching: How to Maximize Expertise and Resources
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 4pm-5pm
Presented by: Karen Donahue & Mary Ann Marzney

Session Two: Feedback: Giving and Receiving It More Effectively
Thursday, Mar. 2, 4pm-5pm
Presented by: Rebecca Shea

Session Three: Feedback: Coaching Instructional Practice
Thursday, Mar. 9, 4pm-5pm
Presented by: Rebecca Shea

Session Four: Making Teamwork Meaningful
Tuesday, Mar. 21, 4pm-5pm
Presented by: Lisa Milano

Now Available: On-Demand Leadership Courses
Click [HERE](#) to Access our On-Demand Library

Coaching for Results Series:
The Role of Coach Across Programs
Navigating Resistance & Design Structures for Change
Coaching Techniques & Essential Skills

High-Impact Instructional Leadership Series:
Lesson Coherence
Student Engagement
Formative Assessment

Click [HERE](#) or Scan Below to Register for Series Sessions February 8 - March 21

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Resources from NYSED

[September 2022 Meeting of the Board of Regents – Final Substantial Equivalence Regulation Presentation](#)

[Proposed Addition of Part 130 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Substantially Equivalent Instruction for Nonpublic School](#)

[NYS Academic Intervention Services for Nonpublic Schools Program Guidance AIS Year 6 2022-2023 School Year](#)

[Grant Opportunities for Nonpublic Schools](#)



Upcoming Courses: Spring Leadership Series

Presented by Laura Lavine

Session Two: AIS for Nonpublic School Students

Tuesday, Mar. 14, 4pm-5pm

Session Three: Special Education for Nonpublic School Students

Tuesday, Mar. 28, 4pm-5pm

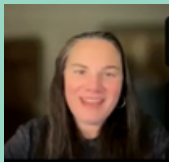
Session Four: Recruitment & Retention of Teachers

Tuesday, Apr. 18, 4pm-5pm

Session Five: Balancing Religious & Secular Instruction

Tuesday, Apr. 25, 4pm-5pm

Click the flyer to view course descriptions & registration information!



Click to learn more about our upcoming Leadership PD Series!



Missed the first Leadership Series session on Substantial Equivalency?

Click [HERE](#) to listen to it on-demand!

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Assessment Practices & Math On-Demand

Presented by Karen Martin

Essential Assessment Practices in the Classroom

Wednesday, Mar. 22, 4pm-5pm



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GROW WHAT YOU KNOW ASSESSMENT PRACTICES & MATH ON-DEMAND
Hosted by the Upstate PDRC

NEW!

Presented by Karen Martin

Essential Assessment Practices in the Classroom
Wednesday, Mar. 22, 4pm-5pm

Join us for an introductory session on how to avoid a "one size fits all" grade based on a point system in your classroom. Learn practical strategies for how you can identify learning targets, set goals, and allow for flexibility. It's time to rethink the point system, consider alternatives to grades based on the 100% scale, and encourage your students to engage, practice, and demonstrate their skills based on standards (and not behaviors). Learn the basics such as identifying priority standards and how to support your students in taking responsibility for their learning. Come with an open mind to examine the process of grading. Although math examples will be used in this session, these instructional planning concepts are applicable to assessment in all content areas.

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Seed videos for Math!
Quick PD bite videos to explore *Math Matters!*

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Writing Series

Presented by Christopher Karle

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Aligned Instruction: Unpacking Writing Standards

Wednesday, Mar. 29, 4pm-5pm

Using Mentor Texts to Improve Student Writing

Thursday, Apr. 27, 4pm-5pm

Designing Checklists to Support Student Writing

Tuesday, May 9, 4pm-5pm

GROW WHAT YOU KNOW WRITING SERIES
Hosted by the Upstate PDRC

NEW!

Presented by Christopher Karle

Aligned Instruction: Unpacking Writing Standards
Wednesday, Mar. 29, 4pm-5pm

Learning standards lead to the development of aligned learning targets for student learning. Join us to learn a five-step process for unpacking a learning standard to better understand what students should know and be able to do as a result of student work. Although this session will use writing standards as examples, all content areas are invited and would benefit from this session.


Using Mentor Texts to Improve Student Writing
Thursday, Apr. 27, 4pm-5pm

Mentor texts provide rich examples for student writers. Join us for a session to examine ways to use mentor texts to support writing instruction in your classroom. Participants will examine common techniques from authors to help students see good writing in action. A planning template will be provided to help participants identify mentor texts and develop targeted mini-lessons to support student writing.

Designing Checklists to Support Student Writing
Tuesday, May 9, 4pm-5pm

Learn ways to use checklists to help students set goals to improve their writing. Join us for a session to explore how to design a checklist to support targeted practices for student writing. Participants will be provided with a planning template and resources with examples to scaffold the process when creating a checklist that supports their own writing classroom needs.

Click [HERE](#) or Scan the QR Code to Register for Writing Sessions March - May



Available Now: On-Demand Courses for Teachers

Accountable Talk

Differentiation Made Easier


New & Novice Teacher Academy

Course 1: New & Novice Teacher Academy

Course 2: Designing High-Quality Learning for ALL Students

Course 3: Delivering High-Quality Learning for ALL Students

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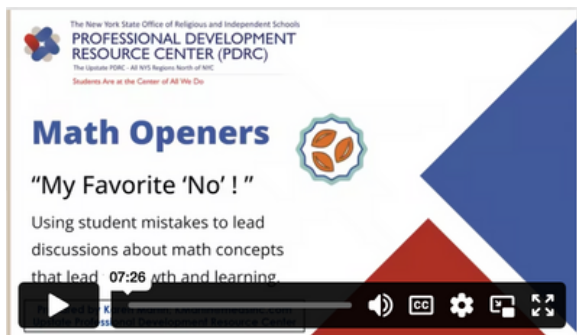
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Looking for PD tips but short on time? We've got you covered!



Check out Upstate PDRC's NEW Seed videos!

Seed videos are short 3-8 minute clips that delve into one specific topic or resource. These videos are intended to be easy, accessible, and informative resources to watch and implement quickly and efficiently. Our first batch of Seed videos include resources for beginning co-teachers and math lesson openers. Stay tuned for more each month!



5 Minute PD Bites

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2023 Leadership
Conference. To be
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November 15 - 16,
2023! We hope to
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Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network (RBERN)

The New York State Education Department Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages supports eight Regional Bilingual Education Resource Networks (RBERNs). The goal of RBERNs is to help schools across NYS create an educational environment for English Language Learners that supports diversity, engages in meaningful thinking, and provides opportunities for children to achieve at the highest level. The purpose of RBERNs is to establish regionally based resources to provide a coordinated system of high-quality technical assistance, training, and professional development to improve their instructional practices for ELL students across the state.

RBERN On-Demand Learning



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