

Apple Bites



*Helping
Teachers
Teach and
Children
Learn*

Summer Study Abounds in Tennessee

The dates for the Standards Awareness Workshops have been set with six chances for teachers to learn about the revised math, science and language arts standards. Districts may send up to 24 teachers who can replicate the training for fellow educators. The team may consist of two teachers per content area for each of the following grade spans: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Send registration form (page 5) and \$75 payment by May 5.

Blountville - June 11-13

Clarksville - June 18-20

Lexington - June 25-27

Crossville - July 8-10

Columbia - July 22-24

Troy - July 29-31

* Teachers in the following districts will be trained separately: Hamilton, Jackson-Madison, Knox, Metro Nashville, Memphis and Shelby.

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April 25-27

Details at www.tntaxholiday.com

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Noteworthy News

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tned.newsletter@state.tn.us.

Summer Professional Development

Math

Explore the nuances of reading in mathematics and how to use reading and writing to teach math in the middle grades.

Nashville area-July 21-23
Knoxville area-July 24-26
Contact Scott Eddins at scott.eddins@state.tn.us

Literacy

A one-day camp covers•Needs of ELL Students•Identifying Struggling Readers•Using Higher Order Thinking Skills with Struggling Readers•Strategies for Struggling Readers

Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville
Choose June 19 or 20
8 am - 4 pm
Contact Etta Crittenden etta.crittenden@state.tn.us

Science

Outstanding middle and high school teacher leaders will present fresh standards-based tools for designing science instruction. Form on page 6.

Clarksville-June 9-13
Murfreesboro-July 21-25
Contact Linda Jordan at linda.k.jordan@state.tn.us

Gateway

Gateway Institutes offer instructional strategies for teachers of Algebra I, Biology I and English II.

July 14-17
Columbia and Crossville
Contact Kathy Moore at 2kathymoore@comcast.net

Arts

The TN Arts Academy is for K-12 arts teachers and administrators; K-6 theatre also applies to classroom teachers.

July 13-18
Belmont University in Nashville
Contact Jeanette Crosswhite at jeanette.crosswhite@state.tn.us

Physical Activity

Learn how your classroom can use physical activity to reinforce learning using approaches aligned with TN standards. 1/2 day session

Contact Susan Brotherton susan.brotherton@state.tn.us

The Standards Awareness Workshops will be filmed and archived on the Office of Teaching and Learning's new online professional development portal. It marks the beginning of many new resources to be available to teachers 24/7 through an online professional development portal under development with the Tennessee Board of Regents. Stay tuned for further details on this exciting innovation from the Office of Teaching and Learning.

Tapping Educator Resources at www.TN.gov/education

EXTREME MAKEOVER hits Tennessee this month in the form of a complete redesign of all state Web sites. The redesign is more than a facelift, but a fresh approach to organizing information in an easy-to-navigate manner.

The new look of the education home page and all other state departments is slated to be unveiled in early May.

Below are some tips for navigating the Tennessee Department of Education's new site:

- The Educators tab on the left side of the page directs visitors to resources specifically pertinent to educators. Something else you would like to see there?
Email education.webmaster@state.tn.us
- Direct links to the most-visited department of education pages will be listed at the bottom of the homepage.
- Don't see what you're looking for?
 - Use the A-Z index at the top right of the homepage to look up a specific term or resource.
 - Or enter a keyword into the search box on the top left side of the page.

The new look will also feature more photos and new media. Stay tuned!



The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation offers an outdoor summer work experience with the TN Youth Conservationist Corps. The program targets young people between 16 and 24 years of age who have an interest in conservation, resource protection and working outdoors. Students can learn more by visiting www.tdec.net/tycc. The deadline to apply is May 1.

Beginning in fall 2008, students athletes in 7th and 9th grade must undergo an exam known as the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program. A medical professional must sign the form from the TN Department of Health Web site certifying the completion of the exam before a student may participate in school athletics. To learn more, visit <http://health.state.tn.us/sportsphysical/>.

If you are teaching seventh graders this year, your students are among the first to benefit from Tennessee's new high school policy. A different high school experience awaits the Class of 2013 when they enter 9th grade in less than two years.

Increased Preparation for High School

How does a new high school policy affect middle school teachers and students? Higher expectations in high school require appropriate preparation in middle school - particularly a thorough understanding of math and science concepts taught in the middle years. The policy charges districts to use intensive professional development programs to ensure middle school math and science educators are trained in the most effective teaching strategies. The "at-risk" funding now available may be used to provide additional instruction for any student who needs it. At the same time, districts are encouraged to offer courses through which advanced students can earn high school credit.

More for Students' Time

All learners are unique, but one thing high school should be for all students is valuable. Not to say students will suddenly see the value in high school, but every course and every year should add to their ability to lead a productive life.

The policy creates new opportunities for

high school learning, sets increased expectations and allows a range of assessments to measure achievement. Beginning with the Class of 2013, all Tennessee graduates will have completed:

- a math course each year, including Algebra II and Geometry or an equivalent;
- three years of science including Physics or Chemistry;
- a personal finance course;
- three credits in a chosen elective focus;
- and a capstone course.

Gateway exams will be replaced by end-of-course exams for English I, II and III, Algebra I and II, Geometry, U.S. History, Biology I, Chemistry and Physics. The EOC exam will constitute 25 percent of a student's final course grade. Schools are encouraged to use other means of evaluating achievement such as interdisciplinary projects or portfolios of student work.

Greater Rewards for Tennessee

Why are these changes the right direction for Tennessee? A Tennessee diploma should represent the education needed to make a living and succeed in a chosen field. Incorporating into the curriculum what we know is needed in college and the workforce means students graduate prepared and employers have qualified candidates to help their businesses thrive. The result: students and communities win.

To read the complete policy, visit www.TN.gov/sbe and click 'new high school policy.'

Tennessee Department of Education
Summer 2008 Standards Awareness Workshop
REGISTRATION FORM_____

 (Please Print)
 Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ - _____
 (area code)

School System _____

CONTENT AREA REQUESTED (Check Only One)

_____ **English Language Arts** _____ **Mathematics** _____ **Science**

ACADEMIC CLUSTER REQUESTED (Check Only One)

_____ **K-2** _____ **3-5** _____ **6-8** _____ **9-12**

LOCATION REQUESTED (Check Only One)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DATE	CITY	SITE
	June 11-13	Blountville	Central High School
	June 18-20	Clarksville	Rossvie High School
	June 25-27	Lexington	Lexington Middle School
	July 8-10	Crossville	Stone Memorial High School
	July 22-24	Columbia	Spring Hill High School
	July 29-31	Troy	Obion County Central High School

Because seating is limited, school systems may register a **maximum** of twenty-four teachers: two teachers per content area and grade band (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12).

 Director of Schools/Superintendent (Signature Required)

Registration Fee: **\$75.00** Registration Deadline: **Monday, May 5, 2008**_

- ✓ Make payment payable to **Treasurer, State of Tennessee**
- ✓ Mail registration form and payment to **Linda Curray**
Tennessee Department of Education
5th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower
Nashville, TN 37243

The Office of Curriculum and Instruction will mail confirmation to each registrant.

"Linking Assessment, Science Instruction, and Student Learning"

Mail completed registration forms with full payment
no later than Thursday, April 24, 2008 to:

Dr. Barry Farris
2133 Williamsport Pike
Columbia, TN 38401

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NAME: (please print) _____

SCHOOL NAME _____
(please check) HIGH SCHOOL ____ MIDDLE SCHOOL ____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

City	State	Zip
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TELEPHONE _____ - _____ - _____ FAX: _____ - _____ - _____

EMAIL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

City	State	Zip
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HOME TELEPHONE _____ - _____ - _____

CHECK THE INSTITUTE YOU WISH TO ATTEND:

June 9-13

July 21-25

- Make checks payable to Tennessee Science Teachers Association (TSTA).
- Registration confirmation and the location and directions to the Academy will be sent to the participant's home address.
- Please duplicate this form for team registrations.

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