

GEAR UP HIGH SCHOOL PD OPPORTUNITIES

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Young Adult Literature Conference

October 20 – 21, 2006 & March 2 – 3, 2007

In its 8th year, the Young Adult Literature Conference (YAL) offers interactive, arts- and technology-infused workshops highlighting current, top quality books for young readers. You will learn content and strategies to engage even the most reluctant reader.

Inquiry and Design Summer Institute

June 18 – 22, 2007

Participants spend an entire week learning about, developing and designing a standards based inquiry unit. Focusing on developing students' critical reading, writing, thinking and research skills, this institute should not be missed.

—CTC PD FOLLOW UP OPPORTUNITY—

Unit-for-Books-Program

Attend YAL or the Inquiry and Design Institute and follow that up with writing a unit based on what you learned from the conference. Using our unit template and lesson plan template we ask that you show what you learned and put it into classroom practice. Once the unit is approved by our GU PD Team we will order you the books to implement that unit with your students. Don't miss this awesome opportunity to get books for your kids. Units must be implemented within the school year.

ACT4L: Arts, Culture, Technology for Language, Literacy, Leadership and Learning

Graduate Credit Class focused on teaching 2nd Language Learners

Being offered 2nd Semester

Take courses for the ESL/Bilingual endorsement OR courses to enhance your work with your English language learners or your ESL students through this fascinating, teacher-centered program at the Chicago Teachers' Center.

CTC's Theatre Arts Integration

Stepping into Huck Finn

January 9 & 16, February 6, 13 & 20, 2007

Chicago Teachers' Center & Steppenwolf Theatre's Arts Exchange are collaborating to offer a 5 session workshop series that presents strategies for comprehending challenging material and producing clear, vivid writing. The series uses the play as a springboard for entering difficult texts. Students and teachers are invited to attend the performance at discounted prices.

HIGH SCHOOL MATTERS (HSM)

A Professional Development Opportunity
brought to you by the GEAR UP Alliance
through NEIU's Chicago Teachers' Center and
National Louis University

HSM: THE BIG IDEAS

- High School Matters!
- What we teach, how we teach, and why we teach greatly impacts a student's ability to learn, construct meaning and achieve success.
- We teach students, not subjects. The way we teach school subjects is tremendously important to whether and how much students learn.
- Teachers are life long learners and desire professional development that differentiates instruction based on their individual and classroom needs.

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WHY SHOULD TEACHERS JOIN HSM?

- To uncover and explore questions about teaching and learning you have been grappling with throughout your career
- To be a part of a professional learning community which focuses on best practices, student learning and achievement
- To work with a classroom coach to develop and refine best practices in your content area

WHAT DO HSM TEACHERS DO?

- Attend mini-conferences
- Participate in professional book clubs
- Keep a teaching journal
- Participate in an on-going dialogue about teaching and learning
- Collect and analyze student work
- Meet weekly with a classroom coach
- Set goals for work with students
- Plan, develop, deliver and share unit plans and lessons which demonstrate best practice

HOW WILL TEACHERS BENEFIT FROM HSM ?

- Teachers receive *individualized attention from instructional coaches* to plan, develop, implement, and discover best practices.
- Teachers receive extra support in regards to follow up activities that stem from GEAR UP PD opportunities.
- Teachers receive individualized attention from instructional coaches to reflect, analyze and learn from their own teaching and student learning.

HSM MENU OF ACTIVITIES

OCT

📍 YAL 10/20-10/21

- Meet with HSM teachers during conference or sometime after to set goals
- Debrief conference with teachers and set plans for follow up work
- Create Calendar for weekly meetings

NOV-JAN

- On-going planning meetings with coach
- On-going coaching support
- Implementing work plan

JAN 2007 🏠

Best Practices Mini Conference

- End of Semester Conference Jan 26 (on CPS PD day)

FEB-JUNE 2007

- Ongoing coaching/planning, implementing, meetings

MARCH 2007

📍 YAL SPRING 03/02-03/03

- Meet with HSM teachers during conference (or sometime after) to set goals
- Debrief conference with teachers and set plans for follow up work
- Create Calendar for weekly meetings

JUNE 2007

📍 Inquiry and Design Institute

- Week long Summer Institute on Inquiry and Design
- Teachers work in teams to create standards based inquiry units to implement in fall
- Receive individualized support in planning and implementing units