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Practice Makes Perfect

Fall 2021 Professional Learning Series



Professional Development Reimagined

Like doctors or lawyers, to be an educator is not just a career or calling, it's a practice. Join us as we begin another year and improve our practice for the betterment of kids and our community.



Sept 9 4-6pm 4 SCECH

Core **Teaching Practices** 101 - 4pm and 201 - 4:15pm

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Sept 21 6-7:30pm 1.5 SCECH

Partnering with **Parents** in **Education**

So many frustrated colleagues and parents battle each other on a daily basis, but ultimately we have the same goal...educating our students-their children. However, communication tends to be the biggest barrier, which often leads to a disconnect between the two. Learn some communication techniques that work to make parents your go-to-partners in education.

Facilitator: Jacquelyn Cunningham Ed.S - Lincoln Park Public Schools

Sept 23 6-7:30pm 1.5 SCECH

Facilitating Quality **Practice**

Quality practice will look, sound, and feel different in in-person, virtual, and hybrid learning environments. Participants will learn about best practices for pedagogy in any environment, including creating instructor presence, setting clear learning objectives, teaching for real world applications, setting clear expectations, engaging students, giving prompt feedback, and more.

Facilitators: Kelly Newton and Sarah Van Loo - Ann Arbor Public Schools

Sept28 4-5:30pm 1.5 SCECH

Returning To The Classroom: Managing the Anxiety and Change The coronavirus has caused significant disruption. For teachers, it has caused substantial changes in their personal and professional life. This Webinar focuses on the challenges teachers face upon returning to school, as well as the safety of staff and students. Learn how you can better understand the change process and practice a strategy to best deal with stress and anxiety.

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An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching.

Mahatma Gandhi



Sept 28 6-7:30pm 1.5 SCECH

Teaching Reduce Math **Anxiety**

For some students, Math is a subject to be avoided, however it doesn't have to be that way. Learn how students experience anxiety in math classrooms and identify how teacher beliefs and classroom practices impact student anxiety, as well as strategies to support anxiety reduction in your students.

Facilitators: Coleen Stamm, Desiree Harrison, Carrie Heaney - Farmington Public Schools

Sept 28 6:15-8:15pm 4 SCECH

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Sept 29 6-7:30pm 1.5 SCECH College **Bound: Expert Application Advice** for **Educators**

No matter your title, your students see you as experts and mentors for their college search journey. **Universities like Michigan State University have** changed many processes and requirements for students hoping to go to college. Help your students by learning: Who should choose test optional? How important are letters of rec? What's the best advice you should give to a student thinking about college? One size doesn't fit all - learn how residential colleges like MSU's Residential College helps students connect to a meaningful learning community.

Facilitator: Rugelio Ramereiz, MSU Residential College in the Arts and Humanities

Sept 30 4:15-6:15pm 4 SCECH

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201 - 4:15pm

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Sept 30 4-5:30pm



6-7:30pm 1.5 SCECH Creating a apace for it all:

SEL and **Self-Care**

The everyday stresses of teaching have been dramatically increased by the pandemic. Utilizing mindfulness practices to enhance your effectiveness with students and their families can reduce some of Academics, the stress. Starting with the end in mind, the webinar will also focus on self-care and how to regulate your own emotions through these challenging times.

Facilitator: Mary Spence - Ann Arbor Public Schools





















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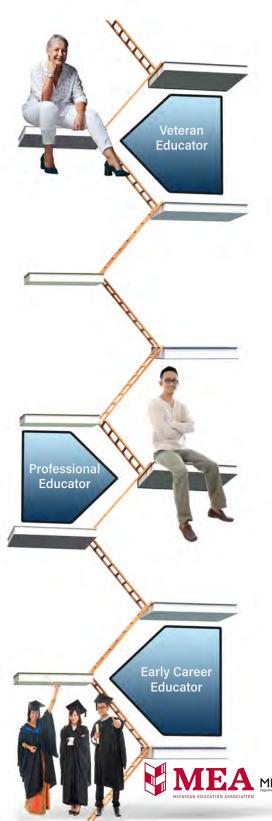
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Good ideas are not adopted automatically. They must be driven into practice with courageous impatience.

Hyman Rickover



Oct 5 6-7:30pm 1.5 SCECH

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Oct 6 6-7:30pm 1.5 SCECH

Using **HyperDocs** for Student Learning

A HyperDoc is a simple yet powerful tool for online learning! More than just some links on a page, a HyperDoc allows you to bundle lessons, tasks, and assessments together in one document that can easily be differentiated for particular students or groups. In this course we will explore ideas, tools, and templates to help you create your own HyperDocs that you can start using with your students tomorrow.

Facilitators: Karma Nordsrom - Ann Arbor Public Schools and Ellen Brooks Monroe Public Schools

Oct 7 6-7:30pm 1.5 SCECH Schoology Series: Using **Google Drive Assignments** to create editable worksheets

Learning Management System (LMS) platforms like Schoology can be used with many other learning applications. Join us in one of our special "Schoology Series" sessions to learn how to leverage Google and Schoology to create a better learning experience for your students, as well as making your workflow more efficient with worksheets and PDFs.

Facilitator: Kathleen Ader - Novi Community School District

Oct 12 6-8pm

Core Teaching 1.5 SCECH Practices



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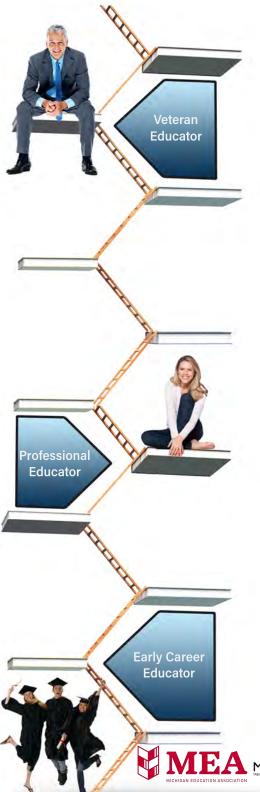
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It's not necessarily the amount of time you spend at practice that counts; it's what you put into the practice.

Eric Lindros



Oct 13 6-7:30pm 1.5 SCECH Teach4 Endurance: The Swim Session

We've prepared for the "race" (school year) with the Warm Up session. You have developed your purpose, focused on clarity of mind and committed to releasing what doesn't add value to your life. The "race" (school year) is now on and in full force. During the Swim session, we'll focus on letting go of control, asking for help when needed and allowing ourselves to complete an honest self-reflection . . . it's time to get in the water!

Facilitator: Brian Dalton - Rochester Community School District

Oct 19 6-7:30pm 1.5 SCECH Grammar for ELA Teachers: Subjects, Verbs, and Tenses (Overview) As English teachers, we see errors in usage everywhere. Where do we even start? This workshop will provide a broad overview of subjects and verbs in sentences, including the subjects' person and number, and verb agreement in an array of verb tenses. Get a one-semester and one-year scaffold that you can use in designing a curriculum with students in grades 6-12.

Facilitator: Kathy Jo Tully - Constantine Public Schools

Oct 20 4-5:30pm 1.5 SCECH Grammar for ELA Teachers: Resources You Can Use Right Now If you want to give your students the drill and practice they need in order to correct their language usage, and are not sure what all is out there, this class is for you. Get resources (free and paid, print and electronic) that you can put into usage in your classroom tomorrow to support your teaching practice.

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Oct 20 6-7:30pm 1.5 SCECH Schoology
Series:
Leveraging
for
LearningGrading
with
Rubrics

Schoology is a powerful platform, and with many more educators using it, the Schoology Series is here to help you leverage this tool to improve teaching and learning, as well as make your life as a teacher easier. Learn how to use rubrics in assignments and assessments, making grading and your workflow better.

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Practice means to perform, over and over again in the face of all obstacles, some act of vision, of faith, of desire. Practice is a means of inviting the perfection desired.

Martha Graham



Oct 21 4-5:30pm 1.5 SCECH

Grammar for ELA **Teachers: Teaching** Irregular **Verbs**

Teaching grammar in an ELA class can be maddening! Ever feel like you don't know the answer to why a sentence is incorrect; you just know that it is? This session is for you. We will break down the "rules," including principal parts of verbs and the perfect tenses. Get strategies and resources you can use with students to correct their usage and unlearn bad habits.

Facilitator: Kathy Jo Tully - Constantine Public Schools

Oct 21 6-7:30pm 1.5 SCECH

Embodiment: A classroom management technique for modern educators (Part 2)

The second installment of this very popular series on "Embodiment." With a mini recap of Part 1, a deeper dive into how regulation of the nervous system impacts student behaviors, how to help your students become more aware of their nervous state, and a discussion on practical strategies for a well managed classroom practice.

Facilitator: Heather Vaughan-Southard - MAEIA

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Nov 11

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Our professional learning facilitators are active educators just like you who seek to advance the profession and share learning with others. If you are interested in building and bringing meaningful professional learning to your colleagues contact Chad Williams, MEA UniServ Consultant at cwilliams@mea.org to find out how!



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Registration for these sessions and SCECH credit are available to MEA members in good















