

Inspired Teaching Institute

This intensive, year-long professional development program challenges teachers (preK-12) of all academic subjects to build student achievement and meet standards in creative and truly effective ways. The course rejuvenates teachers while strengthening their abilities to meet the challenges of teaching.

During the course, teachers are engaged in a 100% participatory process. Teachers are active and on their feet as they delve into a rigorous examination of the teaching-learning process. They emerge with new and more effective strategies for reaching every student. Teachers learn strategies for motivating students and engaging them in thoughtful analysis of academic material—ensuring that meaningful learning takes place. Program results show an increase in student participation, interest, and critical and analytical thinking.

Inspired Teaching believes that children are innately curious, eager to learn new things and expand their knowledge base. Effective schools are places fueled by students' ideas and curiosity, where students:

- Stretch their intellectual limits every day as they master rigorous academic material.
- Are challenged – even inspired – by teachers to grapple with tough real world issues.
- Engage in work that is truly important to them and to their communities.
- Work hard, learn, and succeed.
- Constantly seek knowledge, learn from mistakes, and return home each day exhausted and exhilarated from their accomplishments.

An Inspired Teacher...

- Challenges students with meaningful, relevant, interesting school work.
- Establishes and maintains high expectations by holding students accountable, providing intellectually stimulating content, and motivating students to achieve beyond their perceived limits.
- Sparks students' natural intellectual curiosity, is well-versed in subject matter, and employs many methods of enabling students to learn it.
- Builds a positive and productive relationship with every student.
- Plans each lesson thoughtfully and with a clear goal in mind, continually observes and assesses student learning, and adjusts instruction accordingly.
- Enjoys teaching and embraces new challenges.
- Enables students to become knowledgeable and self-disciplined, with the skills to think and solve complex problems in school and in real life.

Center for **Inspired Teaching**

INSPIRED TEACHING INSTITUTE
2010-2011 Application and Registration Form

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| Name: | School: |
| Mailing Address*: | School Address: |
| Home Phone: | School Phone: |
| Cell Phone (optional): | Grade/Subject you teach: |
| E-mail: | Number of yrs teaching: |
| | Yrs teaching this grade: |

* Confirmation letter will be sent to this address.

NB: *Your commitment includes full participation, including attendance every day at the summer session and all of the Practicum classes held during the 2010-2011 school year.*

**July 19 –30 (Mon – Fri)
9:00am – 3:00pm**

Ten (10) mandatory practicum classes during the 2010-2011 school year. Practicum classes are as follows:**

Friday, August 13th or 14th 2010 9:00am-3:00pm*

***Participants are required to attend one of the above dates**

September 7, 2010 4:30pm-7:30pm

September 28, 2010 4:30pm-7:30pm

October 19 2010 4:30pm-7:30pm

November 9, 2010 4:30pm-7:30pm

November 30, 2010 4:30pm-7:30pm

February 8, 2011 4:30pm-7:30pm

March 8, 2011 4:30pm-7:30pm

April 12, 2011 4:30pm-7:30pm

May 10, 2011 4:30pm-7:30pm

June 1, 2011 5:00pm-8:00pm (attendance is strongly encouraged)

****Participants are permitted one unexcused absence during the school year**

The Inspired Teaching Institute takes place at the Georgetown Day School, High School Campus (4200 Davenport St., NW Washington DC)

1. Although there is no fee for the Inspired Institute, by agreeing to attend, **you commit to full participation, including attendance every day (9:00 – 3:00) during the summer session and at all the practicum classes during the school year.** Please list any conflicts below, understanding that they will be a determinant in participant selection.

2. Center for Inspired Teaching conducts research on the process of teachers' professional growth. Institute members are expected to participate in basic program evaluation activities including surveys, interviews, and classroom visits; Institute members may be recruited for more in-depth case studies on a volunteer basis. The information collected is NOT an evaluation of your teaching and all information about individual teachers is kept confidential. Inspired Teaching looks at the group of teachers as a whole, not at individual teachers. Your signature below indicates your willingness to participate.

3. Where did you hear about the Inspired Teaching Institute?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer @ school | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Principal | <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail/e-newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Previous Inspired Teaching course | <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation @ school | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colleague: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

(name)

Please sign below to signify your commitment to participate in the Inspired Teaching Institute according to the terms outlined above, specifically your commitment to attend every session of the program:

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 7, 2010

Please mail or fax your registration to:
Center for Inspired Teaching, 1436 U St., NW, #400, WDC 20009
phone (202) 462-1956; fax (202) 462-1905



Accident Waiver and Release of Liability

As a participant in Center for Inspired Teaching's Inspired Teaching Institute, I understand that I will be engaging in physical activity. I am aware that I am taking the class at my own risk, and I will hold neither Center for Inspired Teaching nor its instructors, employees, or directors liable for any injuries sustained while taking this class. I certify that I am physically fit to participate in the W Inspired Teaching Institute and have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical person. If I have any particular injury or concern, I will inform the instructor prior to the class and exercise caution in all movements. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable during the Inspired Teaching Institute in the event of an injury, accident, and/or illness during the Inspired Teaching Institute. This Accident Waiver and Release of Liability shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

Participant (Print Name): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Agreement to be Photographed

(You may choose NOT to sign this form and it will not affect your participation in the program.)

Center for Inspired Teaching uses photographs of our programs to record our work and for use at community events to showcase our workshops.

I understand that at the Inspired Teaching Institute I may be photographed. I agree to allow my photo, video, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the event holders, producers, sponsors, organizers, and or assigns.

Participant (Print Name): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____