

Center for **Inspired Teaching**

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.