




Southwest Suburban Federation of Teachers

Professional Development Courses



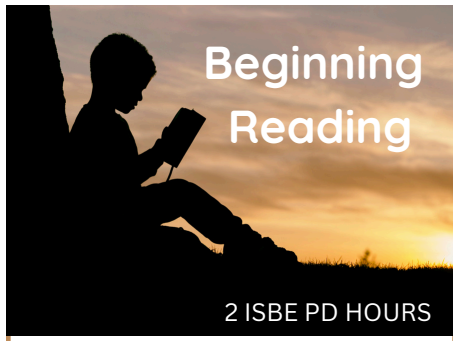
Foundations of Effective Teaching

2 ISBE PD HOURS

This course addresses the fundamental aspects of teaching and learning that are relevant for teachers and classroom paraprofessionals in all subject areas. We will take a deep dive into practices and strategies to maximize engagement for learning at all levels. Topics include strategies for: student engagement, collaborative learning, scaffolding, and questioning techniques for differentiated learning.

October 2nd (In Person)
4:30-6:30PM

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Beginning Reading

2 ISBE PD HOURS

Beginning Reading is a class, where you'll discover engaging strategies to help students master the 5 Pillars of Early Literacy! These pillars—Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Comprehension—are essential building blocks for young readers. Come learn effective, hands-on techniques to support your students on their journey to reading success!

October 16th
4:30-6:30PM

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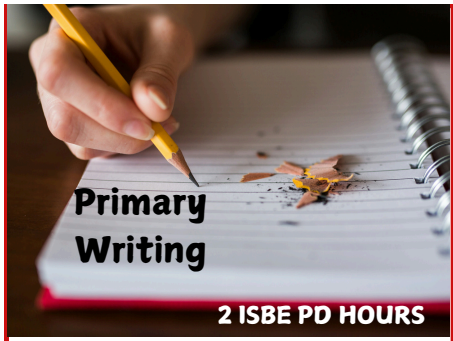
SEL Strategies for a Calm Classroom

2 ISBE PD HOURS

This course is an interactive session where you'll explore chair yoga, breathing techniques, and other SEL strategies to create a calm and peaceful classroom environment! 🧘🌟 Learn practical, easy-to-use methods to support your students' well-being and foster a positive atmosphere. Don't miss this opportunity to bring more calm and focus to your classroom! 🌟

October 23rd
4:30-6:30PM

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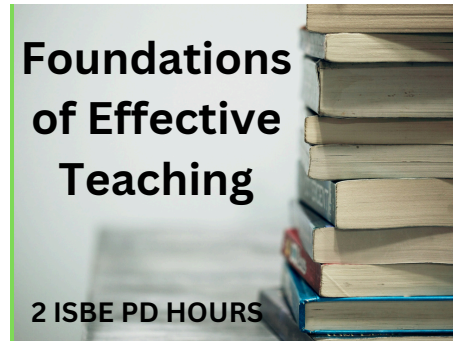
Primary Writing

2 ISBE PD HOURS

This class is an interactive session where you'll discover creative strategies to help young writers become independent and confident! ✍️🌟 Learn hands-on activities that you can easily bring into your classroom the very next day. Don't miss this opportunity to inspire your students and make writing fun! 🌟📚

November 6th
4:30-6:30PM

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January 22nd
4:30-6:30PM

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Expanding Literacy Instruction by Tutoring English Learners

2 ISBE PD HOURS

Join us for this course designed to meet the unique needs of English learners' language and literacy development! 🌟 Gain effective, evidence-based strategies to enhance your teaching methods and support your students in grades K-5. Whether you're looking to improve your current approaches or learn new techniques, this course will provide practical tools to help your English learners thrive! 📚🌟

January 29th
4:30-6:30PM

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February 5th
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February 19th
4:30-6:30PM



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Vocabulary Strategies

2 ISBE PD HOURS

Join us for this workshop designed for educators of all content areas and grade levels! 🌟 Learn about the research behind how individuals acquire and remember words, and discover practical tips to help your students engage effectively with vocabulary practices using a variety of online platforms. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your teaching and make vocabulary learning fun and effective! 📖🌟

March 5th
4:30-6:30PM



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Improving Comprehension of Narrative Text

2 ISBE PD HOURS

In this class, you'll learn how to use the structure of expository texts to enhance your students' comprehension of informational content! Together, we'll explore a practical framework for planning comprehension instruction and identify effective strategies, including powerful questioning techniques, to help students gain a deeper understanding of expository texts. This is a great opportunity to boost your teaching toolkit and make informational reading more engaging and effective for your students! 🌟

March 19th
4:30-6:30PM



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Improving Comprehension of Narrative Text

2 ISBE PD HOURS

This engaging class is where you'll learn how to use the structure of narrative texts to enhance your students' comprehension of stories! 📖🌟 Discover a practical framework for planning comprehension instruction and explore specific strategies, including effective questioning techniques, to help your students dive deeper into the meaning of narrative texts. Don't miss this chance to enrich your teaching skills and make storytelling even more impactful for your students!

April 9th- **IN PERSON**
4:30-6:30PM

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