



2020 Richland Summer Institute

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THE OPPORTUNITY. This summer, dynamic Richland Parish teachers have a unique opportunity to dive deep into the Louisiana Student Standards with support and mentorship from some of our most accomplished educators. This summer, teachers will engage with content-specific training in small groups of peers in the same subject and grade band. With personal feedback from content expert innovators, participants will practice the advanced skills demanded by the Louisiana Student Standards like building students' conceptual understanding and critical thinking, and supporting students at all levels of performance to access rigorous, grade level content. For teachers committed to professional growth, it's a chance to hone their craft and build a community of like-minded educators from across the district.

THE CONTENT. The coursework was designed by our TNTP partners to be relevant to our teachers and students. Our math and literacy (which includes Science and Social Studies!) institutes focus on a few key teaching skills that address what teachers identified as the common challenges in each subject area. Literacy teachers will focus on teaching with text sets to provide students access to complex texts. We will focus on implementing three key lesson structures; **Juicy Sentences, Fluency and Close Reading**. Math teachers design and facilitate task-based math lessons that build students' conceptual understanding and persistence with challenging problems. Prioritized lesson structures in math include **Number Talks, Core Lessons (Eureka)** and **Math Tasks**. Both groups of teachers will learn new strategies for responding to student data to differentiate instruction for small groups and individuals.

THE SCHEDULE. The schedule is designed to provide ample time to practice new skills while staying as streamlined as possible to accommodate teachers' summer schedule. Participants can plan to invest roughly 15 hours in preparation after the close of the school year before the summer school begins and roughly 2.5 weeks during the summer. The 2020 Richland Parish Summer School will take place during June.

Content Curriculum Preparation: Study the Louisiana Student Standards, shifts, and instructional practices guided by content expert innovators.

Summer Training: Teach lessons with a small team of co-teachers in a summer school classroom and get opportunities for immediate feedback and revision with your peers. Adapt the lessons and participate in professional learning communities to develop materials for use at your school.

THE TRAINING. Classroom Innovators, who will lead and mentor participating teachers, are experienced teachers – from Richland Parish and have trained with other educators across the state – who are accomplished in their classroom and experts in their content areas that have experience coaching. Innovators will share best practices from their own classrooms, model new skills, and guide teachers through active practice with constructive feedback.

Our training is centered on actual classroom practice. During content curriculum preparation, teachers take a deep dive into new content from innovators, and then work with their peers to practice and refine their new skills in preparation for teaching a group of students, getting multiple "at bats" before stepping into a summer school classroom. During the summer experience, while co-teaching summer school, they continue to practice, reflect and refine their teaching through daily work with their classroom collaborative of 3-4 teachers, using video, practice, and student work to make adjustments to their teaching, while also receiving feedback from their participating lead innovators. With the co-teaching model, there is inherent flexibility for peer observations across grade levels as well. Ultimately, teachers develop an authentic professional learning community within and across their grade level.

General Schedule

Below is the schedule you can expect for the Institute. These dates are tentative and are subject to change.

Institute	Content Curriculum Preparation	Summer Experience
Literacy and Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 3-4• June 9	June 15-18 June 22-25 June 29

*The summer school schedule does not include morning and lunch duty, and daily lunch will be on your own.

**Summer training times are daily from 8:00-4:00P.M. with a 30 min lunch break built in.

***RSI Innovators will also need to be available for planning dates which will include travel to New Orleans for training the second week of June (i.e. a few days not a full week) in addition to the dates above.

For questions about the 2020 Richland Parish Summer Institute, contact the following using the information below.

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