



THE GOVERNOR JOHN ENGLER
**CENTER FOR
CHARTER SCHOOLS**
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

2023-2024

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

LEARNING WALKS

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION	SUGGESTED ATTENDEES	DETAILS
Learning Walks for Learning Leaders Learning Walks are a professional development strategy intended to elevate the use of instructional practices linked to positive student outcomes. A Learning Walk is a brief non-evaluative classroom visit utilizing a research-based observation tool that provides administrators and educators with opportunities to reflect on what students are learning, learning strategies, student interaction with the content, and student engagement. Typically focused on a specific area of practice, Learning Walks provide a framework for focused instructional improvement.	» Administrators	October 18, 2023 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Troy

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION	SUGGESTED ATTENDEES	DETAILS
How to Herd Cats: An Intensive Look at Classroom Management Strategies Do you ever feel like the classroom is like a jungle and you are trying to control a bunch of wild cats? If so, this professional development opportunity is for you! This session is designed to assist participants with taming the environment so it is conducive to teaching and learning. Participants will analyze best practices that promote a positive climate and culture through building strong relationships and enhancing student engagement and motivation. Classroom management strategies will be demonstrated and participants will leave with ready-to-use ideas and an action plan to strengthen classroom management to corral the cats!	» Administrators » Coaches » Teachers	September 27, 2023 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Troy

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION	SUGGESTED ATTENDEES	DETAILS
It's Like Pulling Teeth: How to Keep Your Students Motivated and Engaged Pulling teeth is no easy feat, and neither is keeping today's kids motivated and engaged! If you feel you need some fresh, new ideas to help you with this endeavor, then this session is for you. This professional learning opportunity is designed to assist participants with increasing active student engagement in the learning process. Participants will analyze the effects of relationships on engagement and motivation and identify actionable techniques that will increase student engagement. Engagement strategies will be demonstrated and participants will leave with ready-to-use ideas and an action plan to enhance active learning in the classroom. Your kids will give you big, toothy smiles when you implement these strategies!	» Administrators » Coaches » Teachers	November 29, 2023 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Troy

REGISTRATION

To register for any of these events, please visit www.TheCenterForCharters.org/Events.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION	SUGGESTED ATTENDEES	DETAILS
Coffee with Special Education Engage in monthly discussion sessions that explore relevant topics and best practices for Special Education.	» Teachers » Special Education Coordinators	Third Wednesday of the Month 3:30-4:30 p.m. Webinar

LITERACY

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION	SUGGESTED ATTENDEES	DETAILS
Literacy Bootcamp: Getting to the Basics of Effective Literacy Instruction and Assessment! Literacy success in Michigan has never been more important for school-age children in grades K-12. There are effective instructional practices we can do every day, in every classroom to help all children and adolescents to be successful literacy learners. This interactive workshop will focus on the core literacy practices (phonemic awareness, phonological awareness, comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, text structures and types) - how to teach it- and then how to assess it. Routines in your classroom will also be reviewed related to these practices. Techniques will be shared for supporting learners across grades K-3, 4-8, and 9-12. We will leave no teacher behind! You will feel empowered to implement literacy in your classroom, your school, and for your diverse learners- wherever they are in their grade level. This workshop will give you the tips and tools to implement these effective literacy practices by the next school week!	» Coaches » Reading Specialists » Teachers	November 1, 2023 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lansing
It's Not Just a Block: Literacy Across the Content Areas Educators have often thought of Literacy or English Language Arts as just a “chunk” or “time” in the student’s school day. It’s not just that block; it’s there and used across every topic/subject we do. This interactive workshop will dive into how to best use literacy to empower better instruction in mathematics, the sciences, social studies, and health education. We’ll unpack the complexity of content-area vocabulary, text structures, and comprehension. Opportunities to differentiate content area instruction will be emphasized throughout the day. Techniques will be shared for supporting learners across grades K-3, 4-8, and 9-12. It’s our job in every subject to be knowledgeable educators in literacy. You will leave feeling more confident, more ready, and more skilled in supporting child and adolescent literacy across every subject.	» Coaches » Reading Specialists » Teachers	January 17, 2024 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lansing
Get Writing and Boost Literacy: Becoming Effective Writing Teachers Do you love to write? Do you hate to write? Well, we all must teach writing and support our students in becoming successful writers. Teaching writing is just as complicated as teaching the rest of literacy. A student’s success in writing is also linked to success in reading. It is often neglected in many K-12 classrooms. This interactive session will focus on the tenets of effective writing instruction and assessment. We’ll return to the central themes of effective writing for children and adolescents across grades K-3, 4-8, and 9-12. This session will cover the core writing genres--what they are, how to teach them, and how to assess them. You will leave with tips and techniques to improve your writing instruction this year and beyond!	» Coaches » Reading Specialists » Teachers	March 6, 2024 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lansing



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MATH

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Strengthening Secondary Math Instruction Teaching young adolescents and adults can be challenging! This session will offer strategies that will have a high impact and engagement in your math classroom. Formative assessment will be a priority to ensure that students are monitoring their own learning to reach the expected math outcomes. Participants will be engaged in both modeling and planning for their unique group of students to support achievement and growth in math.	» Coaches » Math Specialists » Teachers	September 28, 2023 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lansing
Enhancing Elementary Math Instruction Are you looking for ways to optimize your math instructional time? This highly engaging session will support teachers with establishing systems to address common classroom management challenges. Participants will learn how to build intentional routines that foster relationships and respect while developing independent math learners. Participants will leave the session with developmentally appropriate strategies to increase student achievement and growth in math.	» Coaches » Math Specialists » Teachers	November 30, 2023 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lansing

RIGOR

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Bulk Up! How to Increase Rigor to Strengthen Students' Minds You have to feed it for it to grow! Are your students hungry for more knowledge and challenge? If so, this session has some great "food for thought" for you! This professional learning opportunity is designed to assist participants with increasing cognitive challenge in the learning process. Participants will explore how to use data to create tiered lessons and identify actionable techniques that will increase instructional rigor in the learning environment. Instructional strategies will be demonstrated and participants will leave with ready-to-use ideas and an action plan to implement more rigorous instruction in the classroom. Your mind will be full of great ideas to bulk up your instruction!	» Administrators » Coaches » Teachers	February 21, 2024 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Troy

FIND A WORLD OF ACADEMIC RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Our team has researched and compiled an online inventory of academic resources to support you in your efforts to drive academic performance. The resources cover a diverse range of topics, including assessment, curriculum, instruction, school improvement, and virtual learning. To view the resources, visit www.TheCenterForCharters.org/AcademicResources.