

Keystone AEA School Administrator Meeting

April 1, 2010

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Literacy Institute

Features of Effective Literacy Instruction: Focus on Writing

Keystone AEA is excited to offer our first institute for teams of K-12 language arts teachers. Teams will collaborate and learn about effective writing instruction that supports the Iowa Core Curriculum, with an emphasis on the reading-writing connection. Participants will have the opportunity to read the books *Better Learning through Structured Teaching* by Douglas Fisher and Nancy Frey, and *Comprehension and Collaboration: Inquiry Circles in Action* by Stephanie Harvey and Harvey Daniels. They will work in large and small groups to discuss theory and practice as they implement the 6+1 Traits of Writing with materials provided through this project.

Dates of the institute:

- June 16-17, 2010
- October 11, 2010
- April 13, 2011
- All four days will be held 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Keystone AEA conference center in Elkader.

All teachers will receive:

- \$75 stipend for each summer day
- Paid substitutes (up to \$100/day) for the October and April dates
- Lunch each day
- One graduate credit available for attendance at all four days (fee is paid by the participant)
- Write Traits Program Kit
- Copies of the required reading books
- \$200 to purchase classroom library books

On-site coaching / classroom observations will be part of the training.

Forty-five teachers in our AEA will be accepted. Schools are encouraged to send in an application for one team of two to three teachers. The teachers can represent different grade levels and will be responsible for implementing these strategies. Space will be reserved upon receipt of the application. The deadline for applications is May 1, but you are encouraged to apply soon.

For more information, contact Melanie Gast, Tracy Grimes, or Shirley Kirby, Keystone AEA.