

MTDS: Teachers Academy

Improving Student Achievement Using Effective Instructional Practices

Teachers Academy provides an intellectually stimulating and nurturing environment for both personal and professional growth through collaboration and action research. Academy Fellows are involved in a year-long commitment to the program and meet throughout the school year for full day sessions, during which they acquire and expand their knowledge of the pedagogical skills necessary to meet the needs of today's classrooms.

Topics include (but aren't limited to):

- ❖ Instructional Designer
- ❖ Reflective Learner
- ❖ Community Builder
- ❖ Facilitator of Thinking and Learning
- ❖ Student Engagement
- ❖ High-Yield Instructional Strategies

An essential part of the Academy experience is the collaboration and sharing that takes place during our sessions, and academy fellows are expected to implement their new learning and share their experiences.

Ideal candidates for the Teachers Academy Fellow include:

- ❖ A current classroom teacher with at least three years of teaching experience.
- ❖ A teacher with demonstrated classroom effectiveness.
- ❖ A teacher with a demonstrated commitment to professional development.
- ❖ Master's degree OR extensive professional development experience.

What is the cost and time commitment?

- ❖ The participation fee is \$500.
- ❖ Participants will attend sessions throughout the year including a state-wide kick-off event in September and a winter conference in January and will be responsible for any travel expenses incurred.

To apply for Teachers Academy:

- ❖ Candidate must submit a letter of recommendation from a building principal or central office staff administrator.
- ❖ Candidate must submit a Teachers Academy Application that provides home and school contact information.
- ❖ Candidate must submit a brief letter stating why you would like to be selected for Teachers Academy.

Register: Return your forms by email to tsmith@edplus.org or Fax: (314) 692-9700.

Registration Deadline: July 1, 2022