

January 2022





Arizona Charter Schools Program

Dr. Mark Francis writes...

Happy New Year!

My New Year's greeting is an example of Hope over Experience. COVID and all its variants are like Whack-a-Mole; just when you think you have taken care of it – it comes raging back again. It will continue to challenge all our efforts to provide a quality education experience for all students; yet move forward undaunted we must. (Like Yoda that sounds.)

<u>It's time for you to close out your project year Funding Application plan</u> and how to spend your remaining funds to the highest and best use possible. Use January 15, 2022, as your target goal to submit your final Reimbursement requests.

Remember, you cannot carry over more than \$50 K of your award into the next project year; moreover, do not add anticipated carryover funds in that first Funding application submission. Wait until after your Completion Report has been approved.

Important Update: In the past, AZCSP issued you a Grant Award Notification (GAN) which you signed when you were first awarded. All AZCSP subrecipients must sign an updated GAN which I will soon send. I will set up a <u>training in mid-January</u> for you <u>and</u> your Grants Management office/contractor to attend.

The training will explain in detail the Terms and Conditions (T&C) of your grant award. The updated T & C are based on federal guidelines requested from the US Department of Education Charter School program office Monitors.

The AZCSP staff has been personally and professionally gratified by your school's response to its Instructional Rounds and Formative Assessment initiatives. We wish you the best for the New Year.



Looking Ahead

default, remember to add relevant dates to your calendar.

Instructional Rounds

Cohort ONE 01/20/2022 8:30 - 4:00

A+ Charter

Cohort TWO

01/12/2022

8:30 - 4:00

Pensar Academy

Formative Assessment Training

01/05/2022

Providence HS

2:00 - 3:30pm

AMS Avondale

3:30 - 5:00pm

01/06/2022

CASA Academy

1:00 - 2:30pm

Empower

2:00 - 3:30pm

01/07/2022

Leading Edge

12:30 - 2:00pm

01/11/2022

Kaleidoscope

3:30 - 5:00pm

01/14/2022

Somerset

12:30 - 2:00pm

Ridgeview

2:00 - 3:30pm

01/18/2022

Liberty

3:00 - 4:30pm

01/19/2022

Legacy East Tucson

1:00 - 2:30pm

AMS Peoria Advanced

2:00 - 3:30pm

AMS South Mountain

2:00 - 3:30pm

01/21/2022

Scholars

3:00 - 4:30pm

01/25/2022

Heritage Maricopa

4:00 - 5:15pm

01/26/2022

Legacy Deer Valley

2:00 - 3:30pm

Maryvale Prep

2:15 - 3:45pm

AMS Glendale

2:30 - 4:00pm

01/27/2022

Synergy

1:00 - 2:30pm

01/28/2022

A+ Charter

1:00 - 2:30pm



Effé Café

To help support our Formative Assessment leads/coaches at each school, we host the Effé Café twice a month.

It's an opportunity to discover ways to stay on top of the requirements of the FA training and to share creative ideas, solutions, and best practices with each other directly from the field.

Effé Café is mandatory for FA Leads/coaches.

Free Professional Development

Fundamentals of Literacy Instruction and Assessment

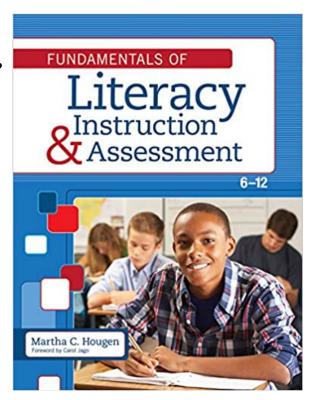
Need to prepare educators to strengthen literacy skills of students in grades 6 - 12?

Join the ADE English Language Arts Team for a FREE Secondary ELA Focused ten week book study!

Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 MST January 13-March 17. Everyone is welcome!

More INFO here.

Register Here



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