

Professional Development Online Course Offerings 2004-2005

Middle School English Language Arts: Introductory Level Online Course (ELA 8)

Participants in this online course will reflect upon methodology and instruction around the English Language Arts standards, assessment and classroom application; have opportunity for professional growth; exchange ideas, lesson plans, tips and strategies; and have a collection of classroom-ready English Language Arts materials and parallel tasks. Activities will include journal entries and reflections, discussion of readings, develop a list of resources, and Internet searching.

On-line courses are customized with an anytime, any place, any pace format for the busy educator. Technology is used to share strategies, ideas, and lesson plans. An on-line orientation package has been developed to familiarize the learner with functions like sending e-mail, logging on to Chat, and even posting thoughts or units to a file management system. Trained facilitators provide support and encouragement for the educational community of learners.

- Content:** As a result of participating in this online course you will:
- Reflect upon methodology and instruction around the English Language Arts Standards, assessment and classroom application
 - Have opportunity for professional growth
 - Exchange ideas, lesson plans, tips and strategies
 - Have a collection of classroom-ready English Language Arts materials and parallel tasks
- **Audience:** Teachers of grades 5-8, any content area
 - **Estimated Time:** 12 weeks-Approximately 15 hours of engagement
 - **Activities:** Journal entries and reflections, discussion of readings, develop a list of resources, internet searching
 - **Evidence of Completion:** To meet the requirements as posted in the course rubric.
 - **Enhancement at the local level:** Districts may determine to enhance the level by accountability by doing the following:
 - District face to face meeting orientation
 - Written reports
 - Meetings to debrief sessions
 - District level portfolio creation
 - Peer review of products or learning
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