

Accelerated Instruction in Social Studies – *New!*

Learn effective ways to accelerate instruction for social studies students who have experienced gaps in learning or just aren't keeping pace with lessons. Discussion and planning will be focused on using curricular materials to build and implement student-centered lessons aimed at instructional goals.

Building Academic Vocabulary in Social Studies

Learn how to implement a comprehensive approach to teaching and learning academic vocabulary in your social studies classroom. This session will present the latest research on effective methods and assist teachers in creating a plan for vocabulary instruction.

Differentiating Social Studies in the Inclusion Classroom

Are you interested in refining your differentiated instruction practices? Join us to discuss the latest brain-research on differentiation and the needs of students in your classroom. Strategies and tips will be highlighted so participants can build and implement effective lessons.

Inquiry-based Social Studies Instruction – *New!*

"Tell me and I forget, show me and I remember, involve me and I understand." Join us to learn the latest strategies aimed at turning your teacher-centered classroom into one of discovery. Practice taking existing lessons and creating inquiry-based explorations of social studies content that require the use of critical thinking and problem solving.

Interventions for Struggling SS Students – *New!*

Strengthen instruction for all students and learn new ways of addressing the needs of struggling learners in social studies. Whether students are struggling with motivation, content or reading, these research-based strategies will provide the scaffolding needed for students to succeed.

Making Social Studies Stick: Active Learning for Social Studies

Participants will practice and discuss the use of active learning strategies that support a deeper understanding of concepts and content. Learn to develop lessons that follow the natural learning cycle and watch social studies and your students come to life!

Project-Based Learning in Social Studies – *New!*

Learn effective ways to plan and implement project-based learning in your social studies classroom. Strategies, checklists, and project-based competitions will be discussed. Existing curricular resources will be utilized to build project-based materials for use with students of all levels.

Research & Writing in Social Studies – *New!*

Research in social studies involves developing an understanding of the past and present through the examination and interpretation of evidence. Evidence is all around us! Learn ways of integrating research and writing into social studies in a manageable way.

Teaching Social Studies in the 21st Century

Does your classroom need updating for the 21st century? Discover the 21st century skills that connect to the social studies strands and help to prepare students for understanding and addressing global issues. Learn to use technology to reach students and find new ways of expression.

Using a Humanities Approach to Teaching Social Studies – *New!*

Learn how to use various types of resources to broaden the scope of social studies instruction while covering the TEKS for your course. Strategies will be aimed finding time to implement an integrated curriculum by infusing elements of literature, writing and the arts into existing plans.