

DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 1st .

Ohio's Assessment Academy

Are you pleased with your school's achievement data and value added data?

For the last three years, the Center for Essential School Reform, Dr. Bobby Moore and Canaan Middle School have collaborated to improve student learning. Last year Canaan Middle School received the distinction of being recognized as **Excellent with Distinction** (only 4% of the buildings in the state) and received a **Value Added Progress Award** from Battelle for Kids (Top 3% of Value Added Data in the state). The principal and staff credit the development and use of common and short cycle assessments as one of the reasons for their success.

Do you want to decrease the time spent supervising teachers and increase the time spent monitoring student learning?

Dufour and Marzano (2009) reported that teacher evaluations and walk throughs do very little to improve the school and that the Teaching Commission "dismissed teacher evaluation as arcane and ineffective." Dufour and Marzano stated that principals would be much more effective if they monitored pacing guides, data from common and short cycle assessments, plans for re-teaching or intervention, etc. Not only will the Academy help teachers develop their assessments, but it will also provide strategies on how to create a model school to support collaboration as well as examples of how data from assessments can be used.

Dufour, R. & Marzano, R. (2009). High leverage strategies for principal leadership. *ASCD Educational Leadership*, 66, 62-68.

What about the other assessment centers and assessment workshops in Ohio?

Let's face it, there are some excellent options when choosing professional development for assessment work in Ohio. Our presenters have attended and learned from some of the best workshops in Ohio. However, our Assessment Academy/Workshop will not only provide you the opportunity to learn about "Assessment for Learning" and "Assessment of Learning," but in addition, you will walk away with assessments that you have created which you can use next school year. You will also receive password protected access to the Ohio Center of Essential School Reform's Assessment Generator that will enable you to build more quizzes and assessments up to September 1. You will leave the workshop with:

- Personally created, high quality, rigorous assessments that are aligned to the standards
- Access to the Assessment Generator until September 1, 2009.
- High quality professional development from current teachers *who* have produced outstanding student achievement and value added data.

Interaction with committed professionals who will share their personal experiences, challenges and the rewards of developing and using common and short cycle assessments along with the three previous bulleted items is what separates our Assessment Academy from any other workshop.

Comments from those who attended last summer's Ohio Assessment Academy:

"In June of 2008, a group of about 30 Language Arts teachers in Kindergarten-Gr. 7 from Vandalia-Butler City Schools attended the Ohio Assessment Academy. The time we spent with the Ohio Assessment Academy last summer was time and money very well spent!"

Rob O'Leary
Curriculum Specialist
Vandalia-Butler Schools

"I really appreciated all of the time and support we were given to work on our assessments. It was not all lecture or presenting. Thank you."

Anonymous Teacher

The Academy will provide each school or district the opportunity to develop two short cycle assessments and access to the Center's Assessment Generator so additional assessments can be created during the summer. Imagine in just two days having the tools to help align assessments and instruction to standards and improve student learning for the upcoming school year! Other Assessment workshops provide participants with skills and knowledge about *Assessment for Learning*. During this workshop, teachers will gain knowledge and skills, **PLUS** leave the workshop with **personally created assessments aligned to the state curriculum** and a **pacing guide** that will immediately impact student learning in their school.

Many districts provide too many resources (money, time and people) on inputs (curriculum and textbooks) and spend very few resources that directly impact student learning. Teachers that begin their instruction by examining carefully prepared and aligned assessments (begin with the end in mind) will do a much better job of ensuring high levels of student learning.

Day 1:

- What is Assessment for Learning, Assessment of Learning, Short Cycle Assessments and Common Assessments?
- Framework for Assessments that improve OAT and OGT scores
- Creating a Pacing Guide
- Using the Center's Assessment Generator
- Work on Assessments

Day 2:

- Re-framing professional dialogue with assessments
- Utilizing assessment data to drive instruction and intervention
- Work on Assessments

Only \$325 per teacher

Academy I June 11 & 12 8:30-3:30

Academy II June 22 & 23 8:30-3:30

Site: Jonathan Alder H.S. Plain City, Ohio

PLUS

- **For every three teachers, the building principal attends FREE.**
- ***Buffet Breakfast and Buffet Lunch on both days! (The Dutch Kitchen)***
- **Day 2 includes a *FREE 2 hour* "Leading a Professional Learning Community with Short Cycle Assessments" Workshop for Building Principals.**
- **Discounts on Ohio Center for Essential School Reform's OASIS Assessment Data Base, coaching or workshops, in 2009-10.**

* Workshop must have 30 or more registrants, or will be cancelled.

**Limited Enrollment—Sign Up Early!
Two Separate Workshops offered this summer!
Registration Deadline June 1, 2009!
Sessions Will Sell Out
College Credit Available**

Want to Save Travel, Lodging and Food Expenses and provide Free Professional Development for all of your administrators?

Schedule the Ohio Assessment Academy to come to your site!

Yes, if you have 15 or more teachers, you can have the Ohio Assessment Academy come to your district. All you need is a meeting room with table space, computer access for every participant, wireless access, LCD projector & screen, and have a technology person on site. ***Your District will also receive access to the assessment generator for three months.*** You are not responsible for any other expenses. Here are the costs for this summer's site-based Ohio Assessment Academy.

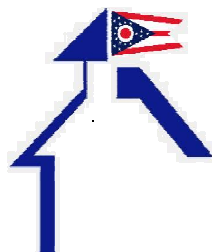
15 Teachers	\$7,000
16-20 Teachers	\$12,000
21-30 Teachers	\$15,000
31-40 Teachers	\$18,000
40-60 Teachers	\$20,000
More than 60 Teachers	Call for Pricing

Dufour and Marzano (2009) suggest that districts should develop their principals into “Learning Leaders” (p. 62). Included in every-site based Ohio Assessment Academy is a two hour “Leading a PLC Workshop” for all of the school administrators in your district.

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There will only be seven site-based Ohio Assessment Academy workshops scheduled in July, and only two in August. We received more than ten requests last year for on site training. So plan ahead and schedule early.

Workshops start at 8:30 and are six hours long. One hour lunch can be scheduled at anytime during the workshop.



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The Ohio Center for Essential School Reform is a non-profit organization located in Central Ohio built on the principles that call for the creation of:

- Personalized instruction to address individual needs and interests
- Small schools and classrooms, where teachers and students know each other well and work in an atmosphere of trust and high expectations
- Multiple assessments based on performance of authentic tasks
- Democratic and equitable school policies and practice
- Close partnerships with the school's community

The center's executive director, Mr. Mike Andre, a programmer and computer consultant, has collaborated with over 40 school districts throughout the state implementing technology and the center's marquee product, OASIS. OASIS is a web based data management and assessment generator system that is currently being used by more than 3000 teachers in Ohio. You can explore more of the Center's products and services by visiting www.ohioces.org.

Dr. Bobby Moore is the founder and president of The PLC Academy, LLC. Dr. Moore, currently a middle school principal, is an educational consultant, conducts workshops, coaches educators and has delivered presentations at both national and international conferences. In addition to publications in several state and national journals, he is also the author of the new book, "Inspire, Motivate, Collaborate: Leading with Emotional Intelligence." In 2007, he was one of only four secondary principals in the state of Ohio originally selected by Governor Strickland to serve on the Governor's new Creativity and Innovation Institute, to help generate ideas to reform education in Ohio. Canaan Middle School, the school in which Dr. Moore serves, is not only recognized throughout the state of Ohio for outstanding student achievement, value added growth and meeting the emotional and social needs of students, but has received national recognition as well. His professional interests, research and presentations focus on leadership, school reform, student learning, assessments for learning, professional learning communities, professional development, team building, organizational development, character education and emotional intelligence. He can be contacted at

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