
Subject: [CCSS] Message #18: LDC/MDC roll-out on April 4

Date: Monday, April 2, 2012 12:15:02 PM Central Daylight Time

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Dear Arkansas educators:

WHO: Superintendents, Charter School Directors, High School Principals, Central Office Administrators

WHAT: LDC/MDC Application Information

WHEN: Wednesday, April 4 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - LIVE STREAMING ONLY

The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) and the Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE), in partnership with SREB, invite you to attend a statewide

Opportunity to apply for the Literacy Design Collaborative and the Mathematics Design Collaborative (LDC/MDC). Like many other states in our nation implementing or planning to implement LDC/MDC in response to the demands of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) at the secondary level, ADE and ACE are committed to supporting schools through this highly-effective professional development opportunity that gets at the heart of CCSS.

The LDC/MDC frameworks consist of tasks aligned to the Common Core State Standards that target those skills needed in reading, writing, and mathematics. Formative assessment is used as a tool for monitoring what students are learning and identifying misunderstandings or skill weaknesses in students. These tasks work together to provide robust learning opportunities for students that are evaluated with a scoring rubric that helps educators across our state and nation calibrate high expectations. The LDC/MDC work is implemented in literacy, social studies/history, mathematics, science and career education classes for students in grades 9 and 10.

During the 2011 - 2012 school year, five Arkansas school districts implemented LDC/MDC as pilots.

For the 2012 - 2013 school year, ADE and ACE are accepting applications from districts that wish to implement LDC/MDC.

In order to provide more information about this project, ADE will host an informational session

Wednesday, April 4, 2012, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. You may participate from your building by live streaming. To watch the presentation, please click on this link:

http://flash.aetn.org/ideas_live.html

Handouts for the presentation are posted at

<http://ideas.aetn.org/commoncore/leadership#leadership-3>

for participants to review before the presentation on April 4.

We ask for your assistance in making sure that this message is shared with those educators that you know who could make a decision about participating in this training designed to facilitate the implementation of CCSS in grades 9 and 10

(district administration, principals, counselors, instructional facilitators/coaches, etc.). Please forward this information to other fellow educators in our state!

Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas!

Want to be added to the ADE CCSS ListServ?? If so, please send your name, e-mail address and district name to abby.cress@arkansas.gov.

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