

OUR WORK TOGETHER

Houston A+ Challenge

2020-2021

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

ONE OR MULTIPLE DAYS

Professional Learning Communities

Explore the 3 Big Ideas that Drive the Work of High Functioning, Collaborative Teams

Practices to Increase Student Learning

Explore effective instructional practices that promote high levels of student learning: classroom environment, teaching of how, coaching into differentiation

Algebra I

Teachers collaborating to build shared craft knowledge and expand their tool kits

Preparation for the STAAR tests

Just in Time STAAR Reading
Putting Thinking to the Mathematics Test
A Crash Course in STAAR Writing

COACHING

ACROSS THE YEAR

Content Focused

Side-by-side coaching w/teachers and specialists in Reading/Writing & Math classrooms
Coaching cycles- plan, implement, observe & debrief

Key Instructional Practices

Effective instructional practices to increase student learning; establish look-fors
Calibration amongst leadership team

Algebra I

Coaching shoulder to shoulder with teachers to build pedagogical content knowledge and increase student learning

Leadership

Mission, vision, values & goals, Effective communication, Change leadership and courage

ACADEMIES

8-10, 2 HOUR SESSIONS ACROSS THE YEAR

Central Office Staff

Mission, vision, values and goals
Establishing collaboration
Relationship building
Effective communication

Specialist/Instructional Coach

Building vision and goals for department
Ways to give effective feedback
Process for planning, observing, giving feedback

Principal and Assistant Principal

A shift from *manager* to *learning leader*
Effective communication
Calibration with leadership team
Professional relationships

New Teacher (and/or Classroom Coaching)

Classroom management strategies
Building content knowledge
TEKS breakdown, effective instructional practices

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Comprehensive School Review

Self-assessment, guiding questions, classroom visits, teacher focus groups

Backward Design

Unpack the complexity of the standards to design learning targets for all classrooms

Formative Assessment Packages

Mathematics Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 & Algebra I
Blueprints based on district scope and sequence
5-7 Formative assessments
High leverage student expectations (SEs)
Answer keys, Student self-analysis



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