

# Mentoring Minds

# Professional Development



Increase educator skills and knowledge



Implement best practices in every content area



Earn professional development credit hours



Proven and Effective Strategies  
**Our Experts · Your Team**



### Critical Thinking

Integrating Critical Thinking into Instruction



### Student Success

A Multi-Tiered Approach to Prevent Academic Failure



### Differentiated Instruction

Teaching All Learners



### Formative Assessment

Respond to Student Learning in Real Time



### Classroom Management that Works



### Rigor and Complexity in Today's Classroom

**MentoringMinds®**  
Critical Thinking for Life!™



# Why Mentoring Minds

Professional Development



**Mentoring Minds' professional development sessions are led by master educators** who combine their own successful classroom experience with expertise in adult learning. Each session's content showcases research-based practices that promote high-quality instruction.

Our long-term approach to professional development includes digital and print resources that reinforce learning targets. This support equips schools to implement new learning in their classrooms long after the initial training is over.

## How It Works:

- ✓ \$2800 for each half-day session
- ✓ Include up to 75 participants per session
- ✓ Book multiple sessions for special pricing

All training sessions are eligible for funding through Professional Development Title II Part A.

# Results-Driven

# Professional Development Sessions

## Critical Thinking

### Integrating Critical Thinking into Instruction



**This session teaches participants the background knowledge and instructional approaches they need to create thinking-centered classrooms. It introduces practical, research-based strategies that encourage deeper levels of thinking and equip participants to:**

- Cultivate a classroom environment of thinking
- Model best practices of critical thinking instruction
- Develop an active rather than passive learning environment
- Employ frameworks and structures to develop critical thinkers
- Utilize Bloom's Taxonomy and Webb's Depth of Knowledge

## Student Success

### A Multi-Tiered Approach to Prevent Academic Failure



**This session explores how to establish a multi-tiered system of supports and prevent academic failure by using a Response to Intervention (RTI) framework. This session equips teachers with techniques for employing increasingly intensive, research-based instructional interventions. Participants will learn to:**

- Utilize a multi-tiered approach to intervention
- Explain the tiered framework for the MTSS
- Understand the use of ongoing student assessment
- Make informed decisions for delivering high-quality instruction
- Implement tiered instruction and intervention matched to student needs

## Differentiated Instruction

### Teaching All Learners



**This session addresses planning, managing, and implementing instruction to meet the diverse needs of all learners through the intentional practice of differentiated instruction. Participants in this session will be better equipped to:**

- Implement structures and strategies for differentiating classroom instruction
- Use readiness, learning preferences, and student interest to impact quality lessons
- Utilize differentiation through content, process, product, and environment
- Articulate the teacher's role in differentiated instruction

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# Professional Development Sessions

## Rigor and Complexity in Today's Classroom

Embedding rigor and complexity into teaching methods is vital for developing 21st-century thinkers. Depth of understanding is required to be able to apply higher-order thinking skills in real-world contexts. This training will empower participants to:

- Develop a shared understanding of rigor and complexity
- Identify and describe frameworks for rigor and complexity of thought
- Acquire greater understanding of Bloom's Taxonomy and Webb's Depth of Knowledge within instructional contexts
- Design questions and learning experiences that contain rigor and reflect varying levels of thought

## Classroom Management that Works

Successfully managed classrooms provide maximum opportunity for student engagement and learning in both elementary and secondary classrooms. Participants in this session will improve their classroom management techniques and learn to:

- Establish and maintain an effective teacher presence
- Create a firm yet flexible structure
- Employ effective classroom management techniques
- Utilize motivation strategies that promote engagement
- Apply research-based methods to increase student learning by sustaining expectations

## Formative Assessment

Respond to Student Learning in Real Time

This training offers strategies and techniques to gather and respond to evidence of student learning during daily instruction and use that information to increase student achievement.

- Describe and define formative assessment
- Explain the four components of formative assessment
- Provide examples of ways to formatively assess students
- Ensure students are engaged in the assessment process
- Use descriptive and evaluative feedback

### Other Professional Development sessions include:

- Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention
- Effective Technology Integration in the Classroom
- Uncovering NGSS Mysteries
- Total Success with Total Motivation

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