

Commissioner's Back-to-School Meeting

Connecticut State Department of Education | August 19, 2015

Academic Office: Professional Development Opportunities

Social Studies

* Annual Connecticut Council for the Social Studies Fall Conference

Save the Date! October 27, 2015

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416

Registration is not open yet. For more information, visit the Connecticut Council for the Social Studies Web site (http://www.ctsocialstudies.org/).

Career and Technical Education

* Career and Technical Education Conference

Save the Date! October 15, 2015

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416 **Audience:** Career and Technical Education Teachers

Registration is not available at this time

* Administrators and Personal Finance Conference

Save the Date! April 8, 2016

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Southbury, CT 06488

Audience: Teachers of personal finance in middle and high school

Registration is not available at this time.

Meeting the Challenge: Connecticut Core Standards Success for English Learners and Students with Disabilities
Save the Date!

In an effort to empower educators who implement Connecticut Core Standards aligned curriculum, instructional practices and assessments while meeting the needs of a wide variety of learners, Public Consulting Group's (PCG's) national experts in Special Education and English as a Second Language have designed a series of three professional learning modules for school teams. Details regarding locations and registration are not available at this time. For more information, contact Jennifer Michalek at jennifer.michalek@ct.gov.

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| Module 1 | September 21, 22, 28, 29, 2015 October 5, 6, 2015 |
| Module 2 (both EL and SwD) | October 13, 15, 19, 20, 2015 |
| Module 3 (both EL and SwD) | November 2, 3, 9, 10, 2015 |

* Unpaid Experiential Learning Program (Unpaid ELP) School-Based Monitor Safety Training

Three (3) one-half day Sessions September 2015 Locations: **TBD**

* CWE Curriculum Update for Rigor & Relevance

One (1) full-day Session November 2015 Location: TBD<u>Mathematics</u>

* Connecticut Core Standards Online Learning Modules

The Connecticut Department of Education (CSDE) in partnership with Public Consulting Group (PCG) is offering free online learning modules to support the implementation of CCS English Language Arts and Math standards. Available on Pepper, PCG's interactive and collaborative professional learning platform, these modules are self-paced, collaborative, and engaging. Current modules include:

| | MODULE 1 | MODULE 2 |
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| ELA | Focus on Instructional Shifts | Focus on ELA & Literacy Instruction |
| Math | Focus on Practice Standards | Focus on Content Standards |

Please contact ctcorestandards@pcgus.com to register your entire district or school today.



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English Language Learners

* The following free informational sessions will be offered for educators to learn about the new Draft CELP Standards:

CAS-8/13 10-11:30 http://casci.ac/1309

CREC (8/31 10-11:30 https://www.protraxx.com/Scripts/EzCatalogny/ViewClass.aspx?ID=344859&CustomerID=128

Assessment

* Smarter Balanced Assessment System:

The What, the How and the Why of Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is offering one-day workshops designed to support Grade 3-8 classroom teachers, instructional specialists, coaches, ELA and mathematics department chairs, and interested administrators as they become familiar with the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments.

Participants will learn how to:

- administer the Interim Assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics;
- score student responses using anchor and training materials;
- use the Teacher Hand Scoring System (THSS);
- understand how to interpret student scores; and
- use student performance reports to support instruction and augment daily formative information to gauge student progress.

Cost: There is **no cost** for the workshops, but **registration is required** at <u>www.ctcorestandards.org</u>. Funding is provided by the State Department of Education as part of the Core Standards Systems of Professional Learning.

| Smarter Balanced Assessment System: The What, the How and the Why of Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments | | | | |
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| ITBD | September 8, 2015 | ELA | | |
| 185 Main Street | October 5, 2015 | Math | | |
| New Britain, CT 06051 | November 18, 2015 | | | |
| 8:30 a.m3:30 p.m. | December 14, 2015 | | | |
| | January 14, 2016 | | | |
| Trumbull Marriott Merritt Parkway | September 30, 2015 | ELA | | |
| 180 Hawley Lane | October 9, 2015 | Math | | |
| Trumbull, CT 06611 | November 16, 2015 | | | |
| 8:30 a.m3:30 p.m. | December 11, 2015 | | | |
| | January 11, 2016 | | | |
| Norwich Holiday Inn | October 8, 2015 | ELA | | |
| 10 Laura Blvd. | November 17, 2015 | Math | | |
| Norwich, CT 06360 | December 15, 2015 | | | |
| 8:30 a.m3:30 p.m. | January 20, 2016 | | | |
| | February 2, 2016 | | | |



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Potential CTAA/Skills Checklist and Accommodations Workshops

| LIVE CSDE Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA) and Skills Checklist Science Training | | | |
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| RESC | AM Session 8:30 a.m12:00 p.m. | | |
| | PM Session 12:30-4:00 p.m. | | |
| LEARN | November 18, 2015 | | |
| Ed Connection | October 23, 2015 | | |
| CES | November 20, 2015 | | |
| EASTCONN | November 13, 2015 | | |
| ACES | November 24, 2015 | | |
| CREC | November 12, 2015 | | |
| | SNOW DATES | | |

| LIVE CSDE Connecticut Smarter Balanced Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations | | | |
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| RESC | AM Session 8:30 a.m12:00 p.m. | | |
| | PM Session 12:30-4:00 p.m. | | |
| LEARN | November 6, 2015 | | |
| Ed Connection | September 22, 2015 | | |
| CES | October 9, 2015 | | |
| EASTCONN | September 18, 2015 | | |
| ACES | September 28, 2015 | | |
| CREC | October 30, 2015 | | |
| | SNOW DATES | | |

Coming Soon! 2015-16 Smarter Balanced Assessment System: Digital Library Trainings

Science

* Next Generation Science On-Line Professional Learning Communities ("NGS-CT")

Beginning October 2015 and on-going

Contact: Nick Balisciano, Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology; nbalisciano@ccat.us

* Next Generation Science Teaching & Learning Short Course ("NGSX")

Beginning October 2015 and on-going

Contact: Hank Gruner, Connecticut Science Center; hgruner@ctsciencecenter.org

* Next Generation Science Curriculum Design Institutes

Spring 2016 and on-going

Contact: Hank Gruner, Connecticut Science Center; hgruner@ctsciencecenter.org

More details regarding these professional learning opportunities and conferences will be made available on the Connecticut State Department of Education web site www.sde.ct.gov/ or at www.sde.ct.gov/ or at www.sde.ct.gov/.