

Are your **students** graduating with the knowledge and skills required to successfully enter the 21st Century work force?



Are your **teachers** well versed in teaching **and** assessing 21st Century Learning and Thinking Skills?

How well do your **instructional practices** mirror the demands of today's job market, including creativity, critical thinking and collaboration skills?

If you have ever pondered these questions we have the ideal professional development opportunity for your school team!

Summer Assessment Institute: Assess to Inform and Transform Teaching and Learning

In the spirit of 21st Century collaboration, the Data Analysis Services from three area BOCES (HFM BOCES, Capital Region BOCES and WSWHE BOCES) are joining together to provide your teachers with a wonderful opportunity to develop their knowledge and expertise in teaching and assessing 21st Century Skills.

Please see the attached flyer for further details regarding conference dates, registration, location and cost.

**Aidable if your district participates in Capital Region BOCES
School/Curriculum Improvement COSER activity code 6211
All CRB districts must cross contract with WSWHE BOCES**

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SUMMER ASSESSMENT INSTITUTE:

Assess to Inform and Transform Teaching and Learning



How well are we preparing students to be successful in Learning and Thinking Skills?

Are we assessing progress toward proficiency in these skills?

The WSWHE BOCES Data Analysis Services is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Summer Data Institute where data analysts will assist district teams in developing assessment projects through:

- developing awareness and understanding of Learning and Thinking Skills,
- learning how to develop assessments measuring these skills, and
- understanding how these assessments can transform teaching and learning.

Who should attend: District teams of teachers and administrators who are familiar with the 21st Century Skills research and are ready to review and/or to develop assessment tools. This is a hands-on workshop with technical assistance sessions on topics such as rubric development, project-based assessment, and more. Participants will receive a certificate with hours completed that may be used for professional development hours, subject to district approval.

When: July 29-31, 2009
Where: Mechanicville MS

Cost for districts participating in a BOCES School Improvement COSER:
\$150 per person
\$350 for a school team of 3 people
\$100 each additional person (if 4 or more)

Cost for districts not participating in a BOCES School Improvement COSER:
\$200 per person
\$500 for a school team of 3 people
\$150 each additional person (if 4 or more)

Registration Form

NAME: _____ BOCES/DISTRICT: _____

JOB TITLE: _____ PHONE: _____

*EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
(*please include an e-mail address where we can reach you over the summer)

SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

MY DISTRICT BELONGS TO _____ BOCES (need this for billing purposes)
Districts will be billed through their own BOCES during the 2009-2010 school year.

Please select the strand that you will focus on at the conference for the assessment you will develop:

- _____ Creativity and Innovation
- _____ Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- _____ Communication and Collaboration

Definitions of these strands can be found on the reverse of this page

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Creativity and Innovation*

- Demonstrating originality and inventiveness in work
- Developing, implementing and communicating new ideas to others
- Being open and responsive to new and diverse perspectives
- Acting on creative ideas to make a tangible and useful contribution to the domain in which the innovation occurs

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving*

- Exercising sound reasoning in understanding
- Making complex choices and decisions
- Understanding the interconnections among systems
- Identifying and asking significant questions that clarify various points of view and lead to better solutions
- Framing, analyzing and synthesizing information in order to solve problems and answer questions

Communication and Collaboration*

- Articulating thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively through speaking and writing
- Demonstrating ability to work effectively with diverse teams
- Exercising flexibility and willingness to be helpful in making necessary compromises to accomplish a common goal
- Assuming shared responsibility for collaborative work

* *Strand descriptions from the www.21stcenturyskills.org website.*

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Registration deadline is **June 17**. Registrations not cancelled in writing by July 15, 2009, will be billed.

For conference updates, www.wswheboces.org/data

