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ELA NEWS

News for Canyons
District English
Language Arts
Teachers



Training will focus on Speaking and Listening


Get a first look at the new curriculum maps and a \$300 stipend for attendance at the June ELA Professional Development

Our mandatory Speaking and Listening training will be held on June 10th and 11th. While there will be a make-up training in the fall, attendance on the June dates is preferable for many reasons. Not only will there be instruction and practice in strategies to focus on the Speaking and Listening Standards with time for you to incorporate those strategies into your planning for next year, those attending the June dates will receive a \$300 stipend and a Cactus credit.

Also, the summer sessions will be structured with more choices. Teachers may attend up to 3 HYPE sessions to get a jump on their certification. Or they may attend a number of different break-out sessions offered by specialists, coaches, and teachers.

This will also be the earliest opportunity for teachers to access the revised curriculum maps and our new vertical alignment of the standards

documents. Click [HERE](#) for the flier with complete details. Please register ASAP, to enable the best planning for space and lunch needs.



Think
Speak
Listen
Think

Congratulations to this year's HYPE certified teachers

Congratulations to those who have finished their High Yielding Practices for Educators certification this year!

So far, the following teachers have been awarded their certifications during meetings in their schools: Jami Smith and Kristine Jaussi, Hillcrest, Jenny Olsen, Alta, Leslie Robinett and Jill Landis-Lee, EBL, and Jessica Sanders, Eastmont.

For a complete list of all Canyons HYPE certified teachers, see the ELA Website.

In addition to the certification, the educators received a \$300 stipend and 2 Cactus credits.

If you have been working on your certification, and just need to send in the paperwork, please do so ASAP.

If you would like to work toward certification for HYPE, our summer training will provide the opportunity to attend 3 HYPE classes.

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HYPE will continue next year, though it will be arranged differently. There will also be a mini-HYPE credit option and the university credit option. More information on those options will be available in the fall.



Eastmont Middle teacher Jessica Sanders beams upon receiving her HYPE certification.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!

Dear ELA teacher,

Thank you for all the hard work you have done this year. This year you all worked on refining your implementation of the curriculum maps and preparing your students for the SAGE test. In addition, many of you have implemented new vocabulary programs. Our leads team, supported by many ELA teachers, has refined our vocabulary implementation, added support to our rubrics, developed tools to support fidelity of implementation, guided sharing of resources, and supported peer coaching.

Many of you also implemented CANVAS. Every thing you did benefits your students, and while it couldn't have been easy, your students are reaping the rewards of your efforts.

Happy Summer!

Other PD Opportunities

Utah Standards Academy. The Utah State Office of Education will provide training on Argument Writing and Foundations in Writing Text-Dependent Essays. Any ELA teacher is welcome. Cactus credit is awarded. Canyons is asking all ELA teachers who are new to the district in the past year to attend either the Standards Academy or an in-house training in September. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Optional CANVAS training will be provided on August 11th. Training and support for all levels of CANVAS implementation. Find out more about CANVAS 101 and other optional technology trainings at <http://prolearning.canyonsdistrict.org/technology-pd.html>.