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BTSA INDUCTION NEWS

BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT, AND ASSESSMENT

Numbers to Know

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Big Changes Coming to SCOE BTSA Induction

SB 1209 is having a definite impact on the BTSA Induction programs throughout the State and SCOE BTSA Induction is no exception. Both SB 1209 and the revised 2042 standards make it necessary for all BTSA Induction programs to update their operating program. SCOE BTSA Induction is currently working hard on this task.

During the 2007-2008 school year, all BTSA programs evaluated their program design through the lens of providing support for PTs to apply the skills and knowledge learned through the teacher preparation program. A study by UC Riverside provided feedback on the issue of redundancy between university programs and BTSA Induction programs. The goal is to eliminate any possible redundancy. The CCTC standards revision taskforce has met, rewritten, and presented to the Board revised Induction program standards that will be released July 1, 2008. BTSA programs will submit amendments of their program design to the State by January 2009.

These changes impact many teachers and SCOE BTSA Induction has put much thought into creating a smooth transition by creating a special pathway for this group. A letter will be sent to each teacher so that they will have the necessary information to complete the Induction program in a timely manner. Any individual assistance that is needed, will be given to guide PTs along to the Clear credential.

Support providers will be fully informed of the revisions in the fall of 2008 since they play such an important role in keeping PTs informed and on track for the completion of the Induction requirements.

Administrators will also be informed of program changes through BTSA Council, the BTSA Induction Newsletter and Administrators' Academy.

A+RISE Research-based Instructional Strategies for English Learners

As part of the BTSA SB 1209 program changes, teachers have an opportunity to participate in a wonderful professional development training.

A+RISE training offers immediate instructional support for teachers regardless of the English Learners (ELs) curriculum, grade level, or the program a district offers. Through this training teachers will become more effective in meeting the needs of ELs and Standard English Learners (SELs).

What is A+RISE?

A+RISE provides a variety of strategies available electronically. A teacher simply selects and clicks to a grade level. Next chooses a content standard and selects a language domain (reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Finally, selects a teaching strategy matched to appropriate CELDT levels. The power of this tool lies in the alignment of strategies to standards.

There are two A+RISE dates to choose from below:

Date:	Time:	Location:
June 24	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	St. Paul's Church
July 15	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	SCOE Boardroom

As the number of EL students continues to increase, it will require ALL American teachers to act. We can no longer pass on this responsibility and privilege to ESL and Bilingual teachers. ELs are everybody's kids.

— Evelyn Arroyo author of A+RISE.

Planning for Classroom Management Support

As educators wind up the year of teaching, thoughts naturally turn to begin planning for the next year such as the new directions that a school might be taking in the area of textbook adoptions, new programs and new classroom management systems. Classroom management at times can be challenging even for veteran teachers. Administrators and support providers are also looking for ways to provide help for new teachers in meeting the daily classroom management challenges that they may face in the next academic year. There will be a number of professional development offerings by Stanislaus County Office of Education—Learning to Teach Continuum that are extremely worthwhile. The first is Classroom Organization and Management Program, COMP, training which will be offered for eight meetings starting August 5th and ending August 28th. Each session will meet here at SCOE from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is an extremely comprehensive training, research-based program that was developed by Vanderbilt University. The cost is $200 per participant and $150 for BTSA participants. There are 3 units available through University of the Pacific. The deadline to register is August 1st.

Another training that is available to teachers is the three day Fred Jones Seminar. This training starts on September 20th and then meets again on October 18th and November 8th, each day from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This training emphasizes management, instruction and motivation with topics being addressed separately each day. The cost for this training is $60 per participant.

Information concerning these trainings and others can be accessed on the SCOE website at www.stancoe.org/SCOE/workshops.

BTSA UPDATE!

Portfolio Read - Day 2 HELP NEEDED!

Date: **June 12, 2008**

Location: SCOE Petersen Event Center

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The second SCOE BTSA Induction Portfolio Read will take place on June 12th. This day offers Administrators and Support Providers an opportunity to learn first-hand about how relevant Induction work is to developing best practices for the classroom. It also provides a glimpse as to how much work a PT puts into the evidence binder with the guidance of the SP to eventually earn a Clear credential.

Please contact the BTSA Induction office at 238-1311 to register.

SB 1209 AKI Transitional Cohort Training

Cohort B: June 2008

Date:	Time:	Location:
June 19	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	SCOE Boardroom
June 24	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	St. Paul's Church
July 9	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	SCOE Boardroom

Cohort C: July 2008

Date:	Time:	Location:
July 14	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	SCOE Boardroom
July 15	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	SCOE Boardroom
July 24	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	SCOE Boardroom

BTSA State Survey Results are In!

Participating Teacher Results = 337/380 = 89%

Support Provider Results = 121/136 = 89%

Site Administrator Results = 90/108 = 83%

Administrators' Academy (Save the Date)

Date: **October 28, 2008**

Location: SCOE Boardroom

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Date: **November 20, 2008**

Location: SJCOE—ESC Building

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Helen Markiss at 238-1318 or hmarkiss@stancoe.org.

Congratulations to Ruth Des Roches...

On her new position as Event Planning Specialist II with the SCOE BTSA Induction Program. Ruth has been with the BTSA Program since 1999 and looks forward to enjoying many more years of working and building relationships with districts, and Support Providers.

SCOE Website
http://www.stancoe.org