

VIRTUAL WEBINARS

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ROSWELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Building Community in a Virtual Classroom

In this session, teachers will explore a variety of ways to build community within their virtual classroom. While many traditional strategies can be adjusted to the virtual classroom, teachers must thoughtfully consider what adjustments must be made to ensure that relationships and trust are built in this virtual environment. This session will also allow teachers to consider innovative ways to build classroom community, using a breadth of resources available to educators and students. Ensuring all students find their voice and place in the virtual classroom is the crux of this workshop.



Engaging All Students in a Virtual Classroom

This session will give teachers time to explore the variety of engagement strategies that are useful in the virtual classroom, as this setting is vastly different than the in-person classroom. Recognizing those differences and considering strategies to enhance instruction and opportunities to interact with the learning will take center stage as teachers expand their repertoire to ensure all students have access and interactions with the content.



Successful Communication in a Virtual Classroom

Being able to communicate effectively is an essential life skill for all students. This session will investigate the process of how students can express ideas and feelings in a way that promotes positive and successful interactions with others. Some topics to be explored are how to speak clearly, have a strong voice, body language, and tone. Teachers will also discuss the impact of communication in a digital world, how miscommunications occur when people misread digital messages. Additionally, strategies for getting students to communicate and interact with the teacher and their peers effectively in a virtual classroom will be explored.



Strategies for Supporting Language Learners in a Remote Teaching Environment

Roadblocks like language barriers and vocabulary knowledge can make teaching even more challenging in a virtual environment. This session will review best practices to support English Language Learners in a virtual environment, including strategies to bridge the gap between content and language. Also explored are new ways to engage English Language Learners with complex text and word learning.



Tackling Complex Text in a Virtual World

Students need to access rich, challenging text to develop knowledge, build vocabulary, and improve comprehension across the content areas. As students tackle difficult text, a wide breadth of effective strategies are needed to uncover meaning and build students' skillset. Throughout this session, educators will discover nuances within text that make it difficult and uncover student-centered ways to support knowledge and vocabulary development. Participants will encounter and practice strategies to empower students to conquer challenging text and thrive in this virtual learning environment.



Infusing SEL into Current Classroom Instruction

Recent research has shown that some Title I students are subjected to direct instruction for over 95% of their class time. Although necessary, students do not gather information in this one style when not provided with opportunities to talk with peers or work in cooperative learning groups. This session will delve into the plethora of ways that SEL can be infused into a variety of cross-curricular classroom activities, including strategies for working with others to achieve a goal. This session really flushes out HOW you are going to teach, both in-person and virtually.



Vocabulary Acquisition using Greek & Latin Roots

In this session, participants will learn how to use grade appropriate Greek & Latin roots as well as affixes to teach students how to acquire their own vocabulary. This session will deliver four practical strategies to use in a virtual classroom that participants can begin using right away. Participants will also be shown how to integrate instruction that supports their English Language Learners during whole- or small-group instruction.



How to use Writing as Part of Virtual Instruction

Writing is an essential and vital part of every classroom. However, teaching writing in a virtual environment can be challenging and overwhelming for students. This session will review best practices in writing instruction and explore ideas for creating short writing activities within any content area to be incorporated easily within this virtual learning environment. The strategies learned can be applied to tomorrow's classroom, wherever that classroom might be!



A Focus on Asynchronous

This session will provide teachers with practical strategies to create asynchronous learning opportunities for students that are engaging, relevant, and interactive. Yes, interactive! Although asynchronous learning is not live, students continue to need innovative and interesting ways to engage with important content that will challenge and inspire them to be thinkers and problem solvers. Discover tried strategies to bolster asynchronous learning.



Creating Assignments: Expectations, Directions, and Assessments

This session will focus on how to design clear, organized, high-quality online assignments. Participants will review a variety of online assignment types and methods for crafting them to meet the expected standards and outcomes. Formative and summative assessments, discussion forums, incorporating student choice and creativity, providing feedback, scaffolding, extension activities, and optional assignments will also be explored. Discover tried strategies to bolster asynchronous learning.



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