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CHECK OUR ONLINE FALL COURSE CATALOG - WEEKLY

View our catalog online twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Extra time during lunch? Check out our course offerings at 1PM. Can't sleep? Check it out at 1AM. Courses are added weekly or as they are developed so please check our website often and sign up for some of the best professional development. Make sure you adhere to your district's policies for course and credit approval. To view our catalog, go to www.nassautract.org and follow the links to course catalog. All registration is done online through **My Learning Plan**. Don't have an account? Within five minutes you can sign up for a FREE account. Already a registered user of **My Learning Plan**? Just sign in with your username and password. Forgot your password? Click on send me my password. Registration is quick and simple. Pay by credit card and your registration is completed online. Paying by check? Please mail a check to complete the registration process. Remember, if paying by check, you are not enrolled until we receive your check for payment of the course. Each course is \$35. Please send a separate check for each course.

FALL 2008 COURSE CATALOG

DISTRICT	COURSE	INSTRUCTOR
Carle Place	Supportive Literacy Environments for English Language Learners	E. Kennedy
East-Rockaway	Master the State Assessments in Grades 3-8	G. Beyrer
	Get "Smart" Not "Bored" with the Interactive SmartBoard	G. Strugatz
	Inclusionary Practices for Students with Disabilities	D. Furnari
Garden City	Math Links: Connecting Math and Children's Literature	J. Hinton
	Integrating SMARTBoards into your Teaching	S. McAuley
Locust Valley	The Use of Technology in the Classroom	A. Watson, A. Angelo
Mineola	Race, Class, and Gender	M. Kandel
New Hyde Park-GCP	Excel In The Classroom	J. Scamell
Plainview-Old Bethpage	Introduction to Adobe Flash	R. Horton
	Working Collaboratively 2.0	B. Martinelli
	Adobe Premiere	J. Beinlich
	SMARTBoards Smart Kids	D. Bolmarcich
Sewanhaka	Classroom Management for the 21st Century Teacher	D. Furnari
	Strategies To Make Academic Success Happen	H. Nadler
	The Stuff They Didn't Teach You in College	L. Mechanic
West Hempstead	How to Maximize Student Learning: Teaching with the Brain in Mind	A. Gottlieb
	Connected Classrooms	A. Brusca
	Webpage Design for Teachers	D. Demmers
	Web Design and Implementation	L. Paschitti

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ALL GRANT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.NASSAUTRACT.ORG**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MINI-GRANT APPLICATION****OCTOBER 31, 2008****WHO MAY APPLY?**

All public and non-public school teachers employed by a Nassau TRACT member district are eligible to apply, either individually or in collaboration with other staff members. Only one mini-grant per person will be awarded.

How Much May I Apply for?

Grants will be awarded for both projects and materials. Project grants can be submitted for up to \$2500.00. There will be several super-sized mini-grants of \$2500.00 each. Material grants will be awarded up to \$1500.

What Are Some Suggested Categories for Mini-Grants?

1. Program and/or Curriculum Enhancement or Remediation
Programs may be developed for specific classroom, grade level or school projects. This may include content areas, the humanities, or improvement of student achievement. Speakers/consultants may be a part of such a proposal.
2. The Development of Unique Resource Material
This includes teacher-made materials designed for specific projects, lessons, or units of study.
3. Teaching and/or Learning Process
Research or the exploration of the teaching or learning process as it applies to your students and/or your role as a teacher. This category includes mentoring in a particular content area.
4. Collaboration - This includes business, industry, and other educational or cultural institutions.
5. Special projects may be developed in cooperation with other educational or cultural institutions, business or industry. Both the purpose and collaborative effort of the alliance should be clearly defined in the proposal.
6. Materials - This category may be used to purchase materials that will enrich the curriculum and/or motivate students. Specifics as to their incorporation must be clearly defined in the proposal.
7. **SUPERSIZE MINI-GRANT** – These are to be used for multi-class, grade level, school or district-wide collaborative projects.

When writing your Mini-Grant

Do not request funding for food or parties.

Grants are for non-administrative professional staff.

Any approvals required by individual districts--i.e. changes to the classroom--must be submitted along with the grant application.

Submit an itemized budget of equipment and supplies.

Do not use prices from newspapers and magazines.

Do email les@nassautract.org or barbara@nassautract.org with questions.

Do put each section of the grant on a separate page.

Do mark each page with a page number.

Do include a cover sheet dated and signed.

Do ask questions.

Do not include any reference to your school or district.

What are the Responsibilities of a Grant Winner to Nassau TRACT?

Grant winners must keep accurate records of monies spent in conjunction with their project. They must carry out the plan as presented in their proposal and must provide TRACT with a completed project assessment, documented with pictures of student projects. Each grant winner will receive the grant award through his/her own school district. The purchase of materials and supplies will be done through YOUR school district. When an award is granted please make yourself familiar with the purchasing policies of your school district. Your award will be sent directly to your school district business office and you may contact them directly for any specifics for purchasing.

Mini-Grant Format

Page 1 - Submit a one-page abstract that includes goals and objectives, number and types of students involved, and a description of the project. (marked page 1)

Page 2 - Submit a timeline by month. (marked page 2)

Page 3 - Submit an itemized budget. (marked page 3)

Page 4 - Submit a plan for the evaluation of project. (marked page 4)

When writing your proposal please omit the name and any specific reference identifying your school district.

Mini-Grant Application

Please complete all parts of the application as specified. We will only accept applications that are typed or word-processed in the following format. Deadline: October 31, 2008

Mini-Grants must include the following information on the cover sheet:

- Title of the Project
- Print your Name
- Home Address
- School District
- School
- Home Phone - School Phone
- Amount of Funding requested
- I understand that the awarding of all mini-grants and the amount shall be at the sole discretion of the Nassau TRACT Teacher Center Policy Board Committee. I also understand that, in the event that I am awarded a grant for the project herein described, Nassau TRACT Teacher Center shall have the right to supply others with a description of my project and to disseminate its underlying concepts and/or ideas. I grant Nassau TRACT permission to publish my grant narrative.
- Today's Date
- Applicant's Signature

(Please note: Any approvals required by individual districts--i.e. for equipment changes to the classroom--must be submitted along with the grant application.)

COLLEGIAL CIRCLE GRANT

START A CONVERSATION IN YOUR SCHOOL!!

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NEW THIS YEAR – We are offering a limited number of collegial circle grants. Plan a collegial circle around a book discussion and we will pay for the books. Plan a collegial circle around equipment, New York State Standards, new pedagogical theory, or start a conversation in your school about education. The grant can be used to pay for any resources that the group will use and/or pay the facilitator for preparation to insure the success of the collegial circle.

Please include the following information on your collegial circle grant application:

- Title of Collegial Circle – Your name – Home Address
- School District – School - School Phone – Home Phone - Email Address
- Amount of Funding requested
- Amount of Funding for Resources - Amount of Funding for Facilitator
- Detailed description of the collegial circle, including topic description, meeting dates, outline for each meeting and budget for any resources including vendor information for purchase.

This is an ongoing grant. Grants will be awarded on a first come-first served basis until the funds are exhausted. When collegial circle grant funding is closed, notice will be posted on our website at www.nassautract.org.

Save These Dates Full Day Conferences

November 20 – Todd Whitaker – What Great Teachers Do Differently

January 22 – Alan November – Annual Technology Conference

February 10 - Annette Breaux- Student Achievement: A result of good classroom management

March – Erin Gruwell – Literacy Day

WELCOME TO BARBARA DELICARPINI OUR NEW CO-DIRECTOR

Barbara has been teaching English for over 30 years and has been actively involved in TRACT for over 20 years as past chair as well as the facilitator for West Hempstead. She relishes the opportunity to serve as co-director. We warmly welcome Barbara to our team.

CONFERENCE GRANT**ALL GRANT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.NASSAUTRACT.ORG**

To provide funds for site visitation for innovative programs/conferences. All visitation occasions must meet with Policy Board approval. Grant funds are intended to:

- encourage investigation of new or current programs that could have an impact on teachers and/or students.
- encourage investigation of programs that will enhance professional growth. Grant funds are to be used to cover costs of travel and/or special costs incurred during the visitation. Materials purchased will NOT be covered.

CONFERENCE GRANT SPECIFICATIONS

- Amount of award not to exceed \$500.00.
- Visitation must be completed during the current school year.
- Expenditures must be accounted for and validated.
- Applicants must complete the required items.
- Review and award decisions will be the responsibility of the Nassau TRACT Policy Board.
- No more than two faculty members per school district will be funded.
- No more than one grant will be awarded to a teacher each school year.
- Grant application **MUST BE** received 10 weeks prior to the conference.
- Receipts must be submitted 7 days after the conference.
- All travel **MUST BE** completed before April 30, 2009.
- Travel **MUST BE** within New York State.

CONFERENCE GRANT PROCEDURE

- Step One: Complete the application.
- Step Two: Fill out conference request form, according to school district procedures. Attach a copy of this form to the Nassau TRACT application.
- Step Three: After receiving letter of approval form from Nassau TRACT, register for your conference. You must pay all fees. Follow absence procedures in accordance with your school district policy.
- Step Four: Your reimbursement will be mailed to your home address.

CONFERENCE GRANT APPLICATION

Application must have the following information:

Applicant's Name – Position - School Name - School Address - School District - School Phone
Home Address - Home Phone – Email Address

APPLICANT PROFILE

1. Name and Address of Organization sponsoring Conference
2. Date(s) of visitation.
3. Budget not to exceed \$500.00 for Registration Fees.
4. Registration fee paid to _____
5. Hotel Name and days and dates of stay
6. Hotel cost per night
7. Attach a description of the program to be visited, purpose of the visitation and briefly state what you feel this experience has to offer.
8. I understand that if I am awarded this grant, I must be willing to release information regarding the visitation experience to be printed in the Nassau TRACT Teacher Center Newsletter.
9. Signature of Applicant
10. Today's Date

Please return to: Nassau TRACT Teacher Center

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