

Northfield Public Schools
Professional Learning
2016-17

THE 4 CS:
CREATIVE THINKING
CRITICAL THINKING
COLLABORATION
COMMUNICATION

August 24-25, 2016: New Teacher Workshop

August 29-September 1, 2016: Fall Workshop and Professional Learning Days

Wednesday, November 23, 2016: Professional Learning Day

Monday, January 16, 2017: Building Professional Learning Day

A message from the Superintendent:

Dear Faculty,

This document contains the 2016-17 schedule for Northfield Public Schools professional learning activities. You will notice that choice is a key approach used in this schedule. As professionals, I trust you are able to self-select the sessions that are most important to your individual professional growth.

As educators, our pedagogy and other skills require ongoing developing. I hope you will find this year's professional learning activities to provide some of that development.

Sincerely,
Matt Hillmann
Superintendent

The following pages contain the professional learning schedule for Fall Workshop. This schedule has been developed with the cooperation of many people, including the members of the District Curriculum and Staff Development Committee (DCSDC).

The sessions offered contain a wide variety of choices for your professional learning. Take time to make a schedule that is meaningful for you and your professional learning! **Please note that more sessions have been added.**

As you review the professional learning opportunities, plan a schedule that works for you and your professional goals. There is a section titled Additional Information and Frequently Asked Questions that supplies more information.

Sincerely,
Mary Grace Hanson, Director of Teaching and Learning

Professional Learning 2016-17
The Four Cs of 21st Century Learning

Critical Thinking; Creative Thinking; Collaboration; Communication

Fall Workshop: Monday, August 29-Thursday, September 1, 2016

Monday, August 29 7:30-3:30: PreK-12
Teacher Work Day; No meetings

Tuesday, August 30: PreK-12 7:30-3:30	7:30	8:00	9:00
	Coffee and Rolls MS Cafe	All Staff Meeting: PreK-12; MS Auditorium	Building Meetings and Professional Learning, including PLC information by DCSDC members

Additional training on Tuesday:

11:00-12:00 Fast Bridge Training: BW for Kindergarten Helper Teachers (They will need iPads with the teacher's log in.)

Wednesday, August 31: Elementary: Ready, Set, Go! Day

7:30-3:30

Location: BW, GVP, SB

PreK: Sessions to be held at LF on Wednesday, August 31

In addition to the above offerings, PreK has the following professional learning opportunities available:

Session	7:30	8:30	11:30	12:30	2:00
	Department Meeting: Location TBD	Sensory Regulation Kits: 3 hours Shannon Flegel Hand-in-Hand Classroom	Lunch	John Schnorr: Early Language Development Hand-in-Hand Classroom	John Schnorr: Bilingual Language Development Hand-in-Hand Classroom

Wednesday, August 31: MS, HS, ALC

7:30-3:30

Location: HS

The Bullying Prevention Schoology Course is required for everyone. It is an independent on-line learning offering so you may complete it during any session when it is convenient for you. This takes one 1 hour session.

When you enter the room for the session, there will be a QR code you will need to scan to your **iPad or phone**. This will provide a link to a brief form you will need to complete to receive your CEU. The CEU will be e mailed to your school account automatically. If you are not able to scan the QR code, a sign-up sheet will be available in the room, and then your CEU will be mailed to you by Friday, September 9.

You are required to do **4 sessions** out of the six sessions offered **in addition to the department meetings and the bullying prevention course**.

Sessions	7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30
1	Department Meetings	Bullying Prevention: Schoology Course REQUIRED	Bullying Prevention: Schoology Course REQUIRED	Bullying Prevention: Schoology Course REQUIRED	Lunch	Bullying Prevention: Schoology Course REQUIRED	Bullying Prevention: Schoology Course REQUIRED	Bullying Prevention: Schoology Course REQUIRED
2		Maker Space: HS Lower Cafe	Maker Space: HS Lower Cafe	Maker Space: HS Lower Cafe	Lunch	Maker Space: HS Lower Cafe	Maker Space: HS Lower Cafe	Maker Space: HS Lower Cafe
3	Grades 6-8 at the MS	Tech Help: Tech Staff HS Media Center	Tech Help: Tech Staff HS Media Center	Tech Help: Tech Staff HS Media Center	Lunch	Tech Help: Tech Staff HS Media Center	Tech Help: Tech Staff HS Media Center	Tech Help: Tech Staff HS Media Center

	7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30
4		MS: EL Strategies in the Classroom: Ruben Alvarez and Rebecca Lorang H106	ALC Info: Daryl Kehler and ALC Staff H106	Homeless Students in 6-12: Melissa Larsen H 110	Lunch	Gen Ed and Sp Ed Working Together: Lynn Krominga H108	Northfield Promise: Zach Pruitt H104	Discussion: Teaching with Poverty in Mind: HS Staff H108
5	Grades 9-12 at the HS	HS: EL Strategies in the Classroom: Jennifer Lompart and Lisa Kruger Robb H111	HS: ADSIS/PBIS/MTSS/SST: Carrie Duba and Lisa Battaglia H108	Behavior Classroom Strategies for 6-12: School Psychs and SS H108	Lunch	ASD in MS: Kelley Foehrkolb and Deb Peters H102	ASD in HS: Kelley Foehrlolb and Deb Peters H102	Careers: Sandy Malecha H102
6	ALC at LF	Yoga: Deb Peters Gym	MS: PBIS/MTSS/SST: Rachael Hudson H110	Data Privacy Practices: Matt Hillmann H100	Lunch	Teacher Evaluation: Matt Hillmann H100	Vocab Rehab for LA and Content Teachers: Rose Turnacliff H114	Yoga: Deb Peters Gym

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7							Special Ed Questions Answered: Cheryl Hall and Lynn Krominga H112	Special Ed Questions Answered: Cheryl Hall and Lynn Krominga H112
8		Walking: Maps available for routes District Office	Walking: Maps available for routes District Office	Walking: Maps available for routes District Office	Lunch	Walking: Maps available for routes District Office	Walking: Maps available for routes District Office	Walking: Maps available for routes District Office
9		Tennis/ Nitro Ball Tennis Courts	Tennis/ Nitro Ball Tennis Courts	Tennis/ Nitro Ball Tennis Courts	Lunch	Tennis/ Nitro Ball Tennis Courts	Tennis/ Nitro Ball Tennis Courts	Tennis/ Nitro Ball Tennis Courts
10		Active and participation gym games Gym	Active and participation gym games Gym	Active and participation gym games Gym	Lunch	Active and participation gym games Gym	Active and participation gym games Gym	Active and participation gym games Gym

Thursday, September 1: PreK-12

7:30-3:30

Location: HS

You are required to do **3 sessions** out of the five sessions offered in addition to the **data review course, PLC time, and the bullying prevention course (if not completed yesterday).**

Sessions	7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30
1	Data Review: Schoology Course	Bullying Prevention: Schoology Course REQUIRED	Bullying Prevention: Schoology Course REQUIRED	Bullying Prevention: Schoology Course REQUIRED	Lunch	PLC Time	Bullying Prevention: Schoology Course REQUIRED	Bullying Prevention: Schoology Course REQUIRED
2	Data Review: Schoology Course	Maker Space: HS Lower Cafe	Maker Space: HS Lower Cafe	Maker Space: HS Lower Cafe	Lunch	PLC Time	Maker Space: HS Lower Cafe	Maker Space: HS Lower Cafe
3	Data Review: Schoology Course	Tech Help: Tech Staff HS Media Center	Tech Help: Tech Staff HS Media Center	Tech Help: Tech Staff HS Media Center	Lunch	PLC Time	Tech Help: Tech Staff HS Media Center	Tech Help: Tech Staff HS Media Center
4	Data Review: Schoology Course	Data Help: Hope Langston HS Media Center	Data Help: Hope Langston HS Media Center	Data Help: Hope Langston HS Media Center	Lunch	PLC Time	Data Help: Hope Langston HS Media Center	Data Help: Hope Langston HS Media Center

	7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30
5	Data Review: Schoology Course	Mindful Eating: Nfld Hospital H116	Mindful Eating: Nfld Hospital H116	Inter-discipline collaboration: Jaci McKay H103	Lunch	PLC Time	Discussion of Creativity and Innovation: Karna Hauck H118	K-5: Homeless Students: Melissa Larsen H122
6	Data Review: Schoology Course	Accelerate Northfield: Michael Garlitz H122	Northfield Promise: Zach Pruitt H122	SeeSaw: Lahna Tran and Christa Danielson H106	Lunch	PLC Time	Managing Depression and Anxiety: Dan Foley H124	Yoga: Dana Holden Gym
7	Data Review: Schoology Course	Flex Learning Days Info and Discussion: Lahna Tran and Scott Peterson H106	Movement, the Brain, and Learning: John Sand H124	Literacy Strategies for the K-5 Classroom: Becky Gainey and Diane Torbenson H128	Lunch	PLC Time	Flex Learning Days Info and Discussion: Lahna Tran and Scott Peterson H106	Ergonomics: Elizabeth Bade H128
8	Data Review: Schoology Course	Sp Ed Questions & Answers: Lynn Krominga and Cheryl Hall H108	Sp Ed Questions & Answers: Lynn Krominga and Cheryl Hall H108	Teacher Development and Evaluation: Matt Hillmann H100	Lunch	PLC Time	Introduction to Mathematical Mindsets: Tania Will and Heather Ryden H110	

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9	Data Review: Schoology Course	K-5 ASD: Kelley Foehrkolb and Deb Peters H126	A Teacher's Role in Post-Secondary Planning: Counseling Department H112	Elementary Coding: Robert Garcia H126	Lunch	PLC Time	CPR/AED/Epi Pen updates: Elizabeth Bade H128	For Admin and Admin Desingees: IEP Roles and Responsibilities: Cheryl and Lynn H108
10	Data Review: Schoology Course	Human Resources Information: Molly Viesselman D111	Finance Department Information: Val Mertesdorf D111	Interactive Writing: Matt Berg-Wall; Lily Landry; Anne Larson; MaryBeth Youngblut H122	Lunch	PLC Time	Human Resources Information: Molly Viesselman D111	Finance Department Information: Val Mertesdorf D111
11	Data Review: Schoology Course	All Things Google: Kim Briske Media Computer Lab	Schoology: Kim Briske Media Computer Lab	All Things Google: Kim Briske Media Computer Lab	Lunch	PLC Time	All Things Google: Kim Briske Media Computer Lab	Schoology: Kim Briske Media Computer Lab
12	Data Review: Schoology Course	Bringing Out the Best in Children; Dave Craft H110	Introduction to Mathematical Mindsets: Tania Will & Heather Ryden H110	504 Information: Cheryl Hall & Lynn Krominga H108	Lunch	PLC Time	What's Behind the Yo-Yo? Cindy Varley H104	What's Behind the Yo-Yo? Cindy Varley H104

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13		District Strategic Plan: Dr. Bruce Miles Upper Cafe	District Strategic Plan: Dr. Bruce Miles Upper Cafe	District Strategic Plan: Dr. Bruce Miles Upper Cafe	Lunch	PLC Time	District Strategic Plan: Dr. Bruce Miles Upper Cafe	District Strategic Plan: Dr. Bruce Miles Upper Cafe
14		Human Rights Commission, Nfld H119	Human Rights Commission, Nfld H119	Human Rights Commission, Nfld H119	Lunch	PLC Time	Human Rights Commission, Nfld H119	Human Rights Commission, Nfld H119
15	Data Review: Schoology Course	Walking: Maps available for routes District Office	Walking: Maps available for routes District Office	Walking: Maps available for routes District Office	Lunch	PLC Time	Walking: Maps available for routes District Office	Walking: Maps available for routes District Office
16	Data Review: Schoology Course	Tennis/ Nitro Ball Tennis Courts	Tennis/ Nitro Ball Tennis Courts	Tennis/ Nitro Ball Tennis Courts	Lunch	PLC Time	Tennis/ Nitro Ball Tennis Courts	Tennis/ Nitro Ball Tennis Courts
17	Data Review: Schoology Course	Active and participation gym games Gym	Active and participation gym games Gym	Active and participation gym games Gym	Lunch	PLC Time	Active and participation gym games Gym	Active and participation gym games Gym

Additional Information and Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why are the sessions at the High School?
 - Parking Lot accessibility
 - Adult sized furniture
 - No travel time between sessions
 - Classroom and larger spaces available
 - A big THANK YOU to the HS teachers for sharing room space with everyone!!
2. The Bullying Prevention Course: Why are we doing this again?
MN state statute requires all school personnel to complete bullying prevention training every three years so this is the year! We will complete the video and quiz in the same format as we did before plus some time reading through our district policy and forms. You may choose any hour on Wednesday or Thursday in which to complete this course.
3. Maker Space, Tech Help, Walking, Tennis/Nitro Ball, Gym Games will be available throughout the day on both Wednesday and Thursday.
4. The Department Meetings, Data Review Course, and PLCs are all required at the scheduled times.
5. The Wellness Activities are included in the fall workshop schedule since we do not have the 2 hours of professional learning during the end of quarter days this year.

*****The links for the Schoology courses (Bullying Prevention and Data Review) and PLC Time information will be sent in an email on Wednesday, August 24.**

CVSEC: Please refer to your coordinators for your schedule for Thursday, September 1.

Data Review Course (Thursday, 7:30): As our student population becomes more diverse, teachers face the challenge of providing differentiated instruction to students with a wide range of knowledge and skill levels. By improving skills related to collecting, analyzing, and interpreting student assessment data, you will be better equipped to adjust instruction to better and more efficiently accommodate the needs of individual students. This course goes beyond instruction, understanding what you student know, how students perform individually and as a group, what areas of instruction need improvement and how to group students and apply tailored strategies.

Strategic Planning Process: All staff is invited to participate in the strategic planning process on Thursday, September 1st. The professional development schedule for the day is set up in a conference-style format, with several times for you to choose throughout the day. The strategic planning session will be repeated five times and provide you with an opportunity to share input about what should be included in the strategic plan. A strategic plan include creating a new district vision mission statement, and set of priorities. This plan will be used to guide the District's decision making about our school programming for the next several years.

Human Rights Commission: Representatives from the Northfield Human Rights Commission will share strategies on how educators can best support our diverse student body.

Wellness Activities (Available both days): Take the opportunity to treat yourself to an hour of activity during the day. If the weather is beautiful, make your way out to the tennis courts for a game of tennis or try Nitroball (the game of inverted volleyball that is played on a tennis court over the net with volleyball skills.) You can also stay inside and organize a game of badminton or pick-up basketball. If you want to use this time to get a few extra steps in for the day, there will be outdoor and indoor walking maps of the High School area emailed to you, or you can pick up a paper copy at Janet Murray's desk in the District Office.

Vocab Rehab for LA and Content Area Teachers: Come to learn some 10 minute vocabulary strategies for next week and all year long. Catch up on the latest research on vocabulary acquisition and learn how best to implement direct instruction of Tier 2 and 3 vocabulary.

Managing Depression and Anxiety: Dan spent years struggling with depression and anxiety, and he will share what he's learned about recognizing symptoms and taking action to become healthier.

Interactive Writing: This workshop explores the use of interactive writing (IW) in multiple elementary content areas, especially word study, reading, and writing. While the presenters focus on IW in first and second grades, participants will be given the opportunity to explore their own ideas on how to apply IW in their classrooms.

Counseling Department: Whether it's connecting students to career ideas or course selection to a future pathway, writing a letter of recommendation for college/scholarship or serving as a reference for a job, or simply talking about living independently one day and having to pay for it-teachers play a vital role in students' post-secondary planning because of the quality connections they make with students every day! Counselors will discuss tools and strategies for best supporting students in their post-secondary plans!

Ergonomics: How many hours of your day do you spend looking at screens for your jobs and for fun? Are you ergonomically correct? Come and discover how to protect your body from repetitive stress injury.

CPR/AED/EpiPen Review: We will review basic CPR and the use of an AED. There will be manikins and AED trainers available for practice. If you are on your building's AED Team, this is the annual review you need. Anyone interested is welcome. We will also practice the response to allergic reactions with the EpiPen training devices.

What's Behind the Yo-Yo?: Please join Cindy Boyum, a Certified Wellness Coach from Mayo Clinic and owner of IT! Factory Fitness, for a behind the scene look at your personal wellness habits. Cindy has worked in the wellness/fitness industry for 20+ years and hears the following questions on a daily basis...If I know it's good for me, why aren't I doing it? Why do I sabotage my health? Why do I start strong, only to find myself "quitting" again? Where do I start: It's all so confusing! Spend an hour with Cindy and take a self-discovery trip that can help you understand your own patterning around diet, exercise and wellness. This self-discovery is a nonjudgmental setting. It is meant for self-enlightenment not self-criticism. Leave with clarity, insight, and a sense of empowerment to begin a different kind of journey into becoming your very best self.