

PCR-3 TEACHING & LEARNING TOPIC STUDY COHORTS 2017-2018

A Teaching & Learning Topic Study Cohort serves as a systematic process by which to align professional development to improve instruction. Teaching & Learning Cohorts are aligned to district curriculum and instructional expectations. Cohorts are established in such a way that they support EPIC goals and content/grade level initiatives. Cohorts include the following: certified staff, building-level administrators, and district administrators. Cohorts will meet on the following PLC and In-service days: 8/16, 8/30, 9/27, 10/9, 11/1, 12/6, 1/10, 2/9, 3/14, 4/11, and 5/2.

Topic Study Cohort Components					
Literacy					
Days Out of Classroom	Cohort	Grades	Anchor Text	Topic Study Cohort Building Liaison (Book Study and PD)	Aligned Topic Studies (Optional) (2 - 1/2 days)
None	<i>Teaching & Learning Topic Study #1: Conferring in the Reader's Workshop</i>	K-8	<i>Conferring: The Keystone of Reader's Workshop</i> Patrick Allen	Barry Compass Pathfinder PCMS Siegrist	Aligned Topic Studies will be optional for additional job-embedded professional development. Topic Study titles and dates will be communicated in August 2017. Topic Studies will be available in both 1 st and 2 nd Semester.
2 - 1/2 days	<i>Teaching & Learning Topic Study #2: Writer's Workshop</i>	PK-5	The Writing Workshop Katie Wood Ray	Barry Compass Pathfinder Siegrist	
None	<i>Teaching & Learning Topic Study #3: Guided Reading</i>	K-5	<i>Guided Reading: Good First Teaching for All Children</i> Fountas & Pinnell	Barry Compass Pathfinder Siegrist	
None	<i>Teaching & Learning Topic Study #4: Student Focused Reading & Writing Across The Curriculum</i>	5-12	<i>Write Beside Them</i> Penny Kittle <i>Write Like This</i> Kelly Gallagher <i>What's the Big Idea</i> Jim Burke	Barry PCMS PCHS NCC	



Topic Study Cohort Components

Mathematics

Days Out of Classroom	Cohort	Grades	Anchor Text	Topic Expert	Aligned Topic Studies
2 - 1/2 days	<i>Teaching & Learning Topic Study #1: Effective Mathematics Instruction</i>	K-3	<i>Number Talks: Helping Children Build Mental Math and Computation Strategies</i> Sherry Parrish	<i>Compass Pathfinder Siegrist</i>	Aligned Topic Studies will be optional for additional job-embedded professional development. Topic Study titles and dates will be communicated in August 2017. Topic Studies will be available in both 1 st and 2 nd Semester.
2 - 1/2 days	<i>Teaching & Learning Topic Study #2: Effective Mathematics Instruction</i>	4-12	<i>Mathematical Mindsets</i> Jo Boaler	<i>Barry Compass Pathfinder Siegrist PCMS PCHS NCC</i>	



Topic Study Cohort Components

Elements of Effective Instruction

Days Out of Classroom	Cohort	Grades	Anchor Text	Topic Expert	Aligned Topic Studies
None	<i>Teaching & Learning Topic Study #1: Effective Lesson Design</i>	5-12	Possible Text Idea:	PCMS Barry PCHS NCC	Aligned Topic Studies will be optional for additional job-embedded professional development. Topic Study titles and dates will be communicated in August 2017. Topic Studies will be available in both 1 st and 2 nd Semester.
None	<i>Teaching & Learning Topic Study #2: Student Engagement</i>	5-12	<i>Classroom Management in the Digital Age</i> Heather Dowd & Patrick Green	PCMS Barry PCHS NCC	
None	<i>Teaching & Learning Topic Study #3: Project Based Learning</i>	5-12	<i>Innovators Mindset</i> George Couros <i>Dive into Inquiry</i> Trevor MacKenzie	PCMS Barry PCHS NCC	
None	<i>Teaching & Learning Topic Study #4: Art Instruction</i>	K-12	<i>Ditch that Text Book</i> Matt Miller <i>How to Personalize Learning</i> Barbara Bray	All Schools	
None	<i>Teaching & Learning Topic Study #5: Music Instruction</i>	K-12	<i>Freedom to Learn</i> Will Richardson	All Schools	
None	<i>Teaching & Learning Topic Study #6: Physical Education Instruction</i>	K-12		All Schools	

