

2011 Lesson Study Conference

Building a Professional Learning Community through Lesson Study

Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11, 2011
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Pre-Conference Session: Introduction to Lesson Study, Wednesday, March 9th, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about lesson study through presentations and workshops. They will also have opportunities to observe and discuss several public research lessons. Distinguished lesson study researchers, educators, and practitioners (Dr. Catherine Lewis, Mills College, Oakland, California - Dr. Akihiko Takahashi, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois - Dr. Tad Watanabe, Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, Georgia) have been invited to speak at the conference. Additional event details will be posted online soon.

Lesson Study Summer Institute

Tuesday, July 19 to Thursday, July 21, 2011 -- 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
and

Thursday, December 1, 2011 -- 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a three day hands-on, interactive learning institute on the lesson study process, planning research lessons, and observing and discussing research lessons. Participants also will learn how to conduct *kyozai kenkyu* (instructional material investigation) that is important to improve teachers' content and pedagogical knowledge as well as improve their learning process through lesson study. Participants will develop research lessons, and these lessons will then be implemented from September through November 2011 in classrooms with students. All participants will meet again in early December for presentation reviews and discussions of the research lessons. Additional event details will be posted online soon.

Lesson study is recognized by the National Staff Development Council as one of the most powerful designs for building professional learning communities. Teachers engage in lesson study to systematically examine instructional methods, content, curriculum, and student learning/understanding in order to improve classroom teaching and learning, and achieve their educational goals.

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