

## **Greater Kansas City Writing Project Professional Development Inservice Opportunities**

All Inservices are facilitated by Teacher Consultants of the GKCWP and encompass the following features: include writing, build community, encourage participant inquiry, are ongoing, reflective, and relevant to diverse populations, promote the GKCWP mission, and include 21<sup>st</sup> century literacies.

The GKCWP welcomes the opportunity to work with individual schools and districts to tailor inservices to meet the specific needs of teachers. Inservices are primarily presented through three different formats including the School Wide Literacy Initiative, the Literacy Academy, and the Workshop Series.

### **School-Wide Literacy Initiative**

The School-Wide Literacy Initiative model works for schools or departments seeking to achieve building literacy goals, across grade levels and/or content areas. Extensive planning among building leaders and the GKCWP ensures an effective program tailored to the individual strengths and needs of each school. Participants identify literacy goals while working in Professional Learning Communities, modeling writing lessons and activities using existing curriculum and mentor texts. The anchor of the SLI is the Writer's Notebook; GKCWP Teacher Consultants guide participants through mini-lessons on the writing process and Six Trait writing, creating a school wide vocabulary for literacy. Participants will write daily, respond to one another's writing, and reflect on the process. In addition, the group will share successful practices in the teaching of writing, read and discuss the current research, and engage in professional conversations about the role of writing in our classrooms.

Traditionally, the School-Wide Literacy Initiative is a four day course in the summer with regroup sessions throughout the year. In subsequent years, the SLI is an excellent choice for schools or departments seeking to vertical team and map a literacy curriculum.

Cost: 4 days in Summer & Comprehensive Program Plan: \$10,000

Regroup meetings: \$1500 day

### **Literacy Academy**

The Literacy Academy is a professional development course for K-12 teachers which allows them to explore the writing process as both writers and educators. Participants will write daily, respond to one another's writing, and reflect on the process. In addition, the group will share successful practices in the teaching of writing, read and discuss the current research, and engage in professional conversations about the role of writing in our classrooms.

As one of the offerings of the Greater Kansas City Writing Project, this course is based on traditional National Writing Project philosophies: The best professional development occurs when educators share their expertise and learn from one another, engaging in their own writing, research, and leadership development. The goals of this course are to expand teaching strategies and techniques, gain insight into the experiences of our colleagues in all facets of education, identify our questions

and beliefs about our teaching, and identify areas for further study and growth. Because this group will be made up of a group of experienced educators, it will not be a lecture-based class. All participants are expected to share in the learning and teaching process. Traditionally, the Literacy Academy is a four day course during the summer, with four regroup sessions throughout the school year.

Cost: 4 days in Summer & Comprehensive Program Plan: \$8000.00

Regroup meetings: \$1,500 day

### **Professional Development Series**

A minimum of 3 sessions (1/2 or full-day) facilitated by GKCWP Teacher Consultants on individual topics such as:

Six Trait Writing  
The Writing Process  
Building a Whole School Writing Community: Writing Across the Curriculum  
Using Mentor Texts  
Persuasive Writing  
Teaching Research  
Technology and New Media in a Writing Classroom  
Poetry Workshop  
Narrative and Memoir Writing  
Building Better Vocabulary Lists  
Content Area Writing  
Academic Writing  
Nonfiction Reading & Writing  
Reaching ELL & Linguistically Diverse Students  
Digital Storytelling

Cost: \$2500 series of 3, ½ days or \$4500 series of 3 full-days

\*One-day workshops rather than a full series may be arranged based on school needs.

Graduate Courses offered on-site and tailored to individual needs:

Writing through the Grades  
Teaching Writing with New Media  
Digital Storytelling  
Re-Imagining Content Area Writing or Cross-Content Area Literacy

Cost: \$5000.00

Reduced-rate graduate credit offered through UMKC