



Instructional Leadership:

*June 21-22, 2022
Old Kinderhook Lodge*

DAY ONE Tuesday, June 21st

Breakfast is on your own. The Hook Café starts serving breakfast at 7:00 a.m... It is located inside the Pro-Shop Building, before you pull into the lodge parking lot.

8:30 am Registration

9:00am Welcome/Agenda/Facility

9:00 – 10:15am Session One: Getting Started

In this session we will explore the difference between positions of influence and those of authority and how instructional staff views each one. We will review particular skills that all instructional leaders need to practice and make habit in order to secure credibility and respect for our work.

10:30 – 11:45am Session Two: Instructional Leadership in a Nutshell

We will review the Five Researched Areas of Instructional Leadership and will explore how to best use them in your given administrative or instructional support position. Participants will self-evaluate their level of skills and knowledge and discuss how to move forward in learning and practice.

11:45 – 12:45pm Lunch Time

12:45 – 3:00pm Session Three: Breakouts

Breakout A: Instructional Leadership as a District/Building Leader

In this session we will explore instructional leadership skills through our understanding of what strong instruction looks like and how we can communicate our knowledge and skills in these areas to create and sustain credibility with staff. We will discuss various evaluation practices and who is responsible for what when it comes to student academic growth.

Breakout B: Instructional Leadership/Coaching from a Position of Influence

In this session we will review the skills that will support content coaching from a perspective of influence. We have important work to do, and often it can be difficult to complete without the staff's acceptance of its importance. We will review skills presented in Jim Knight's new book: The Definitive Guide to Instructional Coaching: Seven Factors for Success and compare our own skills and experiences with this research.

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3:00pm Adjourn

DAY Two Wednesday, June 22nd

7:15 – 8:00 Breakfast

8:00 – 10:00 Session Four: Observation Focused on Predictability, Safety and Security

Without a strong classroom culture even the best content rich teacher will not be able to sustain academic growth. We will review the necessity of creating and maintaining an atmosphere where kids receive the structure and clarity needed to promote success for both students and teachers.

10:15 -11:45 Session Five: Rigor from an Instructional Point of View

No matter the condition of written curriculum and strong instructional execution, without strong assessment, true academic rigor is difficult to achieve. Purposeful and intentional high levels of assessment at the right time will dictate the instruction required to reach the expected level of learning. We will review what strong assessment looks like and what is needed to practice it.

11:45 – 12:30pm Lunch Time

12:30 – 1:45pm Session Six: Growing into Instructional Leadership: Sustaining a Daily Conversation About Instruction

In this last session of the series, we will return to our self-evaluation and discuss the possibilities of moving forward in the skills and practice of instructional leadership in our particular work. What are your next moves, and how will you sustain your forward movement with the work ahead of you?

1:45 – 2:00pm Conclusion



**Enjoy the remainder of the summer!
We look forward to seeing you this coming school year!**

Have a Successful School Start!

Sincerely, Your SMCAA Team

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