



Instructional Bootcamp!
Instructional Process and Delivery:
Your One Chance to Make Your Grade Level Mark!
September 14-15, 2026: Session Descriptors

Audience: Sessions are designed to meet the needs of the two groups of professionals noted below:

Group A: Classroom Teachers (including new and alternatively certified) and Support Staff (i.e. teacher leaders/mentors, aides, Administrators)

Group B: Instructional Coaches, Administrators, and District/Curriculum Support Staff (those that observe, coach, and/or support instruction and the written curriculum)

Day One: Monday, September 14th

Session 1: Whole Group Session: Connecting the Dots: *Transform Learning Insights into Action Using A.I.*

Every student has a story. A.I. can help you uncover it in real time. Imagine seeing how every student is doing, understanding why, and knowing exactly what to do next. In this multi-hour workshop, we'll do just that. We'll kick off with a keynote, then walk through the full journey from A.I. curiosity to confident classroom action. **You'll design personalized learning experiences connected to tier 1 instruction, explore live data that shows what's working and what isn't, and use an A.I. thought partner to focus your attention on the students who need it most.** Grounded in real classroom practice and current research on learner-centered design, this session gives you a clear framework to build on. Whether you're just getting started or ready to go deeper, you'll leave with tools and strategies you can use tomorrow to find out what every student needs and make it happen.

Presenter: **Tarah Tesmer:** Senior Educational Strategist with School A.I.

Target Audience: Both Groups A and B noted above

Session 2: A/B Group Breakouts:

Breakout A: Preparing the Instructional Environment: *Structure, surroundings, and instructional goals*

Before any instruction can be effective, we must create and sustain a learning environment that emphasizes student compliance and engagement. In this session you will experience techniques that will promote a predictable and stable learning environment that is designed to sustain itself over the course of the school year. Once this is set in motion, student success, both behaviorally and academically, can be achieved. Participants will leave with a set of useful techniques and a plan on how and when to use them.

Facilitator: **Dr. Janie Pyle:** Program Director, SMCAA

Target Audience: Group A as noted above



Breakout B: Strategic Instructional Planning: *Essential user-friendly documents for Instructional Success*

As instructional leaders, we spend hours in classrooms—but are we looking at the things that actually drive student success? In this session, we will unpack how to identify high-yield management strategies that maximize instructional time and minimize disruptions. The discussion will focus on the intersecting elements of classroom culture, time management, and intentional instructional delivery. Participants will analyze evidence-based “look-fors”; that signal a productive learning environment and walk away with practical, ready-to-use tools, including the Time-on-Task and Transition Tracker, a 2x2 Engagement and Proximity Matrix, and The Culture & Climate Feedback Blueprint for immediate application.

Facilitator: **Wendi Stallcup:** Curriculum Director, Title One, Instructional Coach, Wheatland R-II
Target Audience: Group B as noted above

Session 3: Whole Group Session with Group Activities:

Tier One Instructional Practice: *Practices for maximum success in a short period of time!* What should we be looking for in purposeful instructional practice and pacing?

THIS IS IT! Of all the classroom instruction you perform on a given day, Tier One instruction should be your primary *focus* and your *best* practice. This is the time that you provide students with the knowledge and lifelong skills necessary for overall achievement and successful matriculation to the next grade and content level. Then, intentional and purposeful content practice is required to bring the learning home. In this session we will present research proven “I Dos” (instructional practices), and the best “We Dos” (student practice strategies) compiled and organized in Dr. Pyle’s *Notable Nine* (Derived from Dr. John Hattie’s best Tier One strategies). We will discuss the skills required to use these techniques and create a plan to gradually move toward Explicit Instruction practices.

We will break into groups to discuss practice and pacing focused on direct instruction and instructional coaching supports.

Facilitators: **Dr. Janie Pyle/Wendi Stallcup**
Target Audience: Groups A and B as noted above

Day Two: Tuesday, September 15th

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Session 4: Whole Group Session: Instructional Time: *How to save it/How to maximize it*

“Where do I find the time?” This may be your ongoing concern when it comes to instruction. So many standards/objectives, so many interruptions, and not enough time to get the teaching and learning done. While we



know that time *flies*, let's focus on how to *catch* that instructional time that seems to elude us. We may not realize that we can recoup time by introducing some new processes and procedures. In fact, research says that we can recover up to three or four hours a week if we transform some of these practices into habits. How exciting! Now is the "time!"

Presenter: Dr. Janie Pyle

Target Audience: Both Groups A and B noted above

Session 5: A/B Group Breakouts:

Breakout A: Learner Support and Evidence: *Intentional practice and purposeful assessment techniques*

Grant Wiggins said: *"The more you teach without finding out who knows the information and who doesn't, the greater the likelihood that only already-proficient students will succeed."* Focused assessment must return to Tier One instruction in a way that can give us critical data in real time. Then, we can move on to the data that can shape our planning and delivery. This session will provide ideas that will assess Tier One instruction faster, that will guide us in adjusting approach in real time and give us useful information to focus our efforts. Better use of teaching and learning time **in real time!**

Facilitator: Dr. Gretchen Guitard, Administrative Support, Southern Boone Co. C-1 School District

Target Audience: Group A as noted above

Breakout B: Instructional Progressions: *Exploring "Depth-Based" learning units- what would intentional instruction look like?*

Repeating a concept isn't the same as deepening it. This session bridges cognitive science and curriculum design to unpack what a true, depth-based spiral looks like in action. Participants will learn how to shift from flat, repetitive pacing guides to dynamic learning progressions that intentionally stack complexity. We will map out how concepts evolve within grade levels and isolate the structural non-negotiables that leaders must protect. Leave the surface-level repetition behind and walk away with a practical Leader Toolkit, including a DOK Progression Map, a Spiral Planning Framework, and an Audit Tool to audit your current scope and sequence.

Facilitator: Wendi Stallcup

Target Audience: Group B as noted above

Session Six: Whole Group Session: Teaching Beyond the Smartboard: Where students take responsibility for their own learning

When students take responsibility for their learning, engagement skyrockets and behavior disruptions plummet. But how do we step away from the Smartboard and hand over the reins? This session provides a shared roadmap for teachers and instructional leaders looking to elevate student agency without the constant use of a device. Together, we will dissect the anatomy of a student-centered lesson and identify specific "look-fors" that signal authentic cognitive engagement. Participants will learn how to design cooperative learning structures, establish student-led routines and move away from the overuse of a personal device and to promote group interaction.



Presenter: **Dr. Janie Pyle**

Target Audience: Groups A/B

Whole Group Discussion: How to Set Up for Success: What are your next instructional planning and learning moves?

What's next? Just like solving any other problem we face, we should approach new learning with a step-by-step process. How do we assess our own knowledge and skills in our profession? How do we take all that we have learned and create a plan to improve our performance? How do we share our instructional success with our colleagues in an evidence-based way? These questions and more will be addressed in this final whole group session. Plan to bring any materials and resources you may need to assist you during this working session. Be ready to share your ideas with colleagues.

Facilitators: **Dr. Janie Pyle, Wendi Stallcup, Dr. Gretchen Guitard**



YOU'VE GOT THIS!