



Welcome to St. Vrain
2009

Elementary

Summer professional development classes designed for elementary teaching staff new to St. Vrain

Introducing Units of Study: One-Day Exploration of Each Unit in the Lucy Calkins Units of Study

This one-day course will introduce participants to the contents of all units in the Lucy Calkins set. The emphasis will be on how those units spiral through the year-long curriculum and through the multi-grade scope and sequence of writing. The basics of mini-lesson architecture, use of mentor text, and management of writers' workshop are woven into an initial exploration of the rich instructional content in each unit.

Primary (K-2)
June 1 OR Aug. 11
8 - 3:30

Intermediate (3-5)
June 2 OR Aug. 11
8 - 3:30

Target Group: Elementary teachers who have not had Units of Study training

Teachers may choose to receive credit or extra duty pay for this training. When registering online, you will be asked to indicate whether you want credit or payment.

Credit: .5 semester hour professional development and salary credit (fee waived)

Payment: \$25/hr.

Location: Xilinx, Inc., 3100 Logic Dr., Longmont 80503 (in the building behind the main building)

To register for these classes & to check out other summer classes, go online to:
stvrainopd.org

**REQUIRED FOR NEW SPECIAL
EDUCATION TEACHERS**

Encore & the IEP

This course is dedicated to navigating Encore, SVVSD's computerized IEP, and developing quality IEPs. There will be one 4-hour class before the school-year starts and two 2-hour sessions in the fall. Homework will be completed IEPs.

Teachers may choose to receive credit or extra duty pay for this training. When registering online, you will be asked to indicate whether you want credit or payment.

August 11	8 am - Noon
Sept. 16 <u>or</u> Oct. 21	4 pm - 6 pm
Nov. 18 <u>or</u> Dec. 16	4 pm - 6 pm

Target Group: Required for new special education staff

Course fee: \$15

Credit: .5 semester hour professional development and salary credit

Location: Sunset MS computer lab

Extra duty pay: \$25/hr.

**Elementary Science Adoption
(FOSS)**

These classes will focus on Phase II FOSS kits. There will also be an Initial FOSS training in the fall for new teachers.

Kindergarten: Wood and Paper

1st grade: Balance and Motion

2nd grade: Solids and Liquids

3rd grade: Matter and Energy

4th grade: Magnetism and Electricity

5th grade: Mixtures and Solutions

Primary K-2	Intermediate 3-5
June 8 <u>OR</u> Aug. 3	June 9 <u>OR</u> Aug. 4
8 am - 3:30 pm	8 am - 3:30 pm

Target Group: Elementary teachers

Course fee: \$15

Credit: .5 semester hour professional development and salary credit

Location: Altona MS

Things that are nice to know:

- The system will not let you register for a class if you are past the deadline. It also will not let you register for a class which conflicts with one you are already registered in.
- The system will indicate when a class is closed. You may still register for it and be put on a waiting list at no charge. However, if you end up getting into the class, you will then need to send a check to the OPD.
- You can't go back online to see the dates or location of your class once it has passed the deadline to register. It's best to keep your confirmation with that information on it.
- You may view your transcript from the log-on page by clicking on View Transcript. It will not only show classes completed, but also what you are registered for.
- If a class is showing "Incomplete" on your transcript, this simply means that the credit has not been processed yet, not that you still need to do something.
- You are required to pay for a class when you register. If you wish to pay with a check or cash you must come into the OPD located in the Learning Services Center

A Step Ahead in Numeracy

Join other elementary teachers who are new to the Investigations curriculum so that you are a "step ahead" in your planning for math classes when school starts. You will learn the philosophy behind the Investigations program, how to do Number Talks and either Math Routines or Ten Minute Math, and the suggested pacing for their units during the year. You will have time to discuss your particular routines and units with other teachers at your grade level, and you will be introduced to how some ideas or activities change from K to 5. Homework is expected as part of this class.

August 3 8 am - 3:00 pm
August 4 8 am - 11:00 am

Target Group: New elementary teachers

Course fee: \$15

Credit: .5 semester hour of professional development and salary credit

Location: Blue Mountain Elementary



Systems for Classroom Management in the 21st Century

Engaged students, classrooms that seem to run themselves, seamless transitions - these are the goals of teachers who want to focus on effective, standards-based instruction. Research to date shows us that when strong management systems are in place, teaching and learning occurs. This class focuses on four areas of classroom management: classroom organization, rules and procedures, "with-it-ness", and building teacher/student relationships. On-the-spot interventions for current problems will also be offered.

"The most important factor affecting student learning is the teacher."

-Robert J. Marzano

July 31 8 am - Noon
Aug. 1 8 am - 3:30 pm
Sept. 14 4 pm - 6:30 pm
Sept. 28 4 pm - 6:30 pm

Credit will not be awarded until after Sept. 28

Target Group: K-12 teachers

Course fee: \$15

Credit: 1 semester hour of professional development and salary credit

Location: Learning Services Center,
Timberline Room

Why Didn't I Learn This in College?

This course will focus on the following essential questions:

- What is a learning-centered classroom and what do I need to do to create and lead in such an environment?
- How do I translate "beginning with the end in mind" into planning and pacing for the year, the unit, the lesson?
- What are the systems for organizing myself, the learners and the learning environment?

May 27-30 8 am - 3:30 pm
(8 am - noon on the 30th)
Nov. 5 4 pm - 6:30 pm

Credit will not be awarded until after the fall follow-up.

Target Group: K-12 novice teachers with 0-3 years experience

Course fee: \$30

Credit: 2 semester hours professional development and salary credit to be awarded after the follow-up

Location: Learning Services Center, Timberline Room

Registering for a SVVSD Class for the First Time

If you have never taken a class through SVVSD before, you will need to create a new account. Go to stvrainopd.org. Under Courses choose Catalogs and Registration. Follow the directions to create a new account. {*Tip:* Use your log-on ID as your password also. You won't forget it then.)

Problems that might come up during the year:

You forget your password. On the log-on page, arrow down and click on "Forgot Your Password?" It will ask for an e-mail address to send it to.

You enter your e-mail address for your password to be sent, but it informs you that it is not found in the system. This is probably because the e-mail address you originally entered in your personal information was your home one. Request that your password be sent to your home computer instead of your school one. Then, once you can log-on, be sure to change the e-mail address to your school one.

Another possibility is that you may have a typo in your e-mail address, the address has changed, or you did not enter an e-mail address. You will need to e-mail Jean Jennings for help.

