

Opportunity Schools



Overview

For K-6th Grade Teachers

"Most of us underestimate the capacity of our learners (and ourselves as learners). Consider the innate potential of the human brain, and then re-evaluate your expectations. Regardless of what you might perceive as evidence to the contrary, keep in mind that your learners are capable beyond your wildest dreams. Teach to many different learning styles so the potential of every learner is tapped. Use alternative forms of assessment and instruction to provide avenues for those who learn differently. Provide a climate where every learner is respected and affirmed."

- Brain-Based Learning; The New Science of Teaching & Training, by Eric Jensen

Attending this teacher training will boost the dendrites and brain power of both you and your learners!

"The training provided by the Opportunity Schools' Teacher Training Institute during the summer and throughout the school year focuses on strategies that equip classroom teachers to be more effective with all students, not just students with challenges.

The effectiveness of the professional development component of this program cannot be overstated."

*- Don Pettinger, Principal
Grace Christian School, Cypress*

Our Presenters

Carolyn Coil, Ed.D., Pieces of Learning

- ❖ An energetic and motivating presenter who has worked in education for over 30 years.
- ❖ An internationally known speaker, author, trainer, consultant, and educator.
- ❖ Offers practical strategies for raising student achievement, differentiating curriculum, implementing a variety of assessment strategies, and dealing with the challenges associated with preparing our children for living and working in the 21st Century.
- ❖ Teaches courses in gifted and talented education, and conducts workshops for schools and districts on various topics.
- ❖ Has been an Adjunct Professor at several different universities throughout the world.

Kim Sutton, Creative Mathematics

- ❖ Experience includes over 20 years of classroom teaching, regional math specialist, and university instruction.
- ❖ A dynamic expert and presenter who has taught thousands of teachers the joy and excitement of "hands-on" math. Her enthusiasm is contagious!
- ❖ International staff development consultant.

Vicki Newman

- ❖ A seasoned teacher and staff developer.
- ❖ Named Orange County Teacher of the Year.
- ❖ Received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching.
- ❖ Author for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt School Publishers since 1998 in area of mathematics
- ❖ Co-Authored, *Calculators and Mathematics Project*.

Jeanne Ruiz

- ❖ An expert in language-based, social thinking therapy for students with social skills deficits, language disorders, and those on the Autism Spectrum from preschool through 8th grade.
- ❖ Speech Pathologist in both elementary and secondary levels for 20 years.
- ❖ Provides services for children with Autism and has worked extensively with the deaf and hard of hearing.



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