

2009 Maine RISC Summer Institute

“Moving from a Standards-Referenced System to a Performance-Based System”

August 3 – 6, 2009

The Re-Inventing Schools Coalition, in partnership with the Maine Department of Education, is hosting a four-day Summer Institute, August 3-6, 2009, at Gray-New Gloucester Middle School in MSAD #15.

The Institute is designed to increase understanding of student-centered performance systems through whole group sessions and a choice of simultaneous breakout sessions. A key aspect to the event is applying your background and new knowledge during team time where you and your colleagues will process and plan next steps to realize a system where time is the variable and learning is the constant. Team time will make up approximately 35% of your participation. During team time you will have your own team room and be assigned a personal ‘guide’ who will be there for you as a resource and facilitator.

RISC staff that has extensive background knowledge in designing and deploying performance-based systems will facilitate the four-day event. During the Institute you will be given instruction upon and samples of performance-based report cards, standards to credits conversion charts, instructional planning templates and tools that use standards to drive instruction on a skill and application level, continuous improvement tools that are repeatable with all stakeholder groups, Individual Learning Plans, and electronic reporting systems where all stakeholders have new window into student learning.

We encourage you to come with a team that represents all stakeholders. An SAU team may include superintendents, curriculum directors, administrators, board members, community members, principals, business partners, teacher leaders, instructional staff, and students. Ideally an SAU team will be accompanied by school level teams. If an SAU team cannot attend we recommend that school level teams be represented. Students are strongly encouraged to attend, as we will run a student section where students will have an opportunity to work with a RISC Model teacher and other RISC Model students.

We strongly recommend that participants read RISC’s story in *Delivering on the Promise: The Education Revolution* prior to the beginning of the Institute. See the following link for ordering information: <http://www.solution-tree.com/Public/Media.aspx?ShowDetail=true&ProductID=BKF268>.

An Institute agenda, conference registration information, and lodging recommendations are available at <http://www.maine.gov/education/sbs/index.html> or http://www.reinventingschools.org/learning/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=75&Itemid=137#register

A nominal fee of \$50 per person will be charged to participants from districts who are not either full or exploring implementation sites.

We are capping this event at 250 participants, with teams from full or exploring implementation sites being given first priority. It is first come first serve thereafter, so please register as soon as possible. The deadline for registration and cancellations is **5:00p.m. Monday, July 27**. Participants who do not attend after registering or who cancel after the cancellation deadline will be held responsible for the full registration fee.

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