

2009 Maine Re-Inventing Schools Coalition (RISC) Fall Symposium

September 13, 14 & 15, 2009
Sunday: 4-8 p.m., Monday & Tuesday: 8:30-4:30

Wyndham Portland Airport Hotel
363 Maine Mall Road
South Portland, ME

Audience:

Designed for those who have NOT previously participated in RISC learning opportunities

We encourage you to come with a team that represents all stakeholders. A team may include superintendents, curriculum directors, administrators, board members, community members, principals, business partners, teacher leaders, instructional staff, and students. 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.

Purpose:

To build understanding and awareness of the RISC Model of a learner-centered, performance-based educational system

Issues/Topics:

- Overview of the RISC Model
- Why is Shared Vision important?
- Leadership at all levels
- Moving from a time-based to a performance-based system
- Continuous improvement at all levels
- What does this look like in the classroom?
- First steps to get going in the class, school, district

**A greatly condensed session will be offered on Sunday, September 13 from 4-8 p.m. for participants (primarily School Board members) who are unable to attend the more comprehensive and in-depth sessions being offered over the course of Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. This condensed session in no way replaces a more in-depth session, but is an opportunity to begin to develop an initial understanding of the components of the RISC Model and learner-centered, performance-based educational systems.

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.solutiontree.com/Public/Media.aspx?ShowDetail=true&ProductID=BKF268>.

Registration Details:

- To register please go to <http://www.reinventingschools.org>

- The registration fee for the full Symposium (Sunday-Tuesday) is \$225 per person (for schools/districts who are not Full or Exploring Implementation Sites)
- The fee for the condensed Sunday only overview session is \$75 per person (for schools/districts who are not Full or Exploring Implementation Sites)
- Deadline for registration or cancelation is **Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 12:00 noon.**
- For questions about conference content, please contact one of the following staff members at the Maine Department of Education:
 - Diana Doiron at diana.doiron@maine.gov
 - Nigel Norton at nigel.norton@maine.gov
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- For questions about conference registration, please contact Nancy Juergens at the Re-Inventing Schools Coalition at njuergens@reinventingschools.org.