



2023–2024 Professional Learning Calendar

The mission of the ESU 9 Professional Learning Team is to lead, inform, and provide customized professional learning experiences designed to strengthen and support continuous growth.



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REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Registration Instructions:

1. Go to <http://www.esu9.org>
2. Click on “Event Registration” in the Events tab on the top menu bar.
3. If you have already created a Connect account, use your email address and the password you created to log in.
4. If you have NOT created a Connect account, click “Create a New Account”. Fill in your information and create a password. At the bottom of the page, click “Create My Account”. Once you receive email notification that your account is activated, you can use your email address and password you created to log in.
5. Once you have logged on to the Connect system, select “Section List” from the menu on the right. This is a chronological list of the events available to register for.
6. Click on the title of the event you wish to register for. This will give you more information about the event as well as the option to “Register Me for this Section”.
7. You will be asked to verify your information, including payment information. Once you have verified your registration information, click “Register for this Workshop” at the bottom of the page.
8. You will receive email confirmation of your registration.

Registration Policy:

- Register online at <https://connect.esu9.org>
- Participants will be awarded stipends, substitute costs and materials based on consortium participation.
- All districts are welcome to participate regardless of consortium participation; however, a higher registration fee may be assessed. See individual registration costs for each workshop.
- Cancellation Policy: All registrations are non–refundable but fully transferable to another participant. Caterers require us to place food orders a week in advance. As a result, if a person cancels less than one week out, the person/district will be charged a \$20.00 fee.
- “No–shows” (individuals who have not contacted ESU 9 to cancel registrations) will be responsible for their registration fee and any other materials fees incurred.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EVENTS 2023–2024

August

- 28th – Student Art Exhibit Night
- 29th – Catch the Wave: Elevate Your HAL Opportunities
- 31st – Empowering Leaders Day 1

September

- 7th – HQIM Implementation Series Day 1
- 19th – Let's Get Cookin' New Teachers Day 3
- 20th – CIP Support Day
- 27th – Future Problem Solvers #1

October

- 5th – Empowering Leaders Zoom Session
- 10th – Library Media Specialist Cadre
- 27th – Title I PLC
- 19th – Counselor's Cadre
- 23rd – Teaching & Learning Collaboration (TLC)

November

- 14th – HQIM Implementation Series Day 2
- 29th – Future Problem Solvers #2
- 29th – Instructional Rounds with Phil Warrick (Empowering Leaders)

December

- 5th – PE Cadre
- 7th – Social Studies Cadre

January

- 16th – ESU 9/10/11 CTE Collaboration Day
- 17th – Future Problem Solvers #3
- 25th – HQIM Implementation Series Day 3
- 31st – Social Media Teams

February

- 1st – Empowering Leaders Zoom Session
- 6th, 7th, 8th – Quiz Bowl
- 12th – Music Cadre
- 13th, 22nd, 26th, 27th & 28th – District Meetings

March

- 4th – District Meetings
- 27th – Chess Tournament

April

- 3rd – Art Cadre
- 4th – Science Support Series – Science Cadre
- 17th – Invention Convention
- 18th – Empowering Leaders Zoom Session
- 24th – State Quiz Bowl

ESU 9 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING MENU

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CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Mission / Vision
Goal Setting
Data Analysis
PLC'S
High Reliability Schools

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

New Teacher Series
Mindset & Motivational Drivers
Self Care
Teacher/Principal Evaluation
Teacher Self Reflection Videos
Instructional Rounds (Marzano)
Learning Walks (ALP)
Leadership Support
Support Staff Training
Instructional Coaching

GRANT MANAGEMENT

PEaK - LaRaesha Kugel
Perkins V & reVISION - Kristen Slechta
Title II-A - Amy Schultz
Title III - Jen Madison (ESU 4)

CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT

NWEA MAP Growth
NWEA MAP Reading Fluency
Acadience: Reading & Math
NSCAS
Curriculum Alignment
College and Career Readiness Standards
Standards Prioritization
Learning Goals
Formative Assessment & Feedback
HQIM (High Quality Instructional Material)
Adoption & Implementation

TECHNOLOGY

Remote Learning Support
Google G Suite for Education
LMS: Canvas Support
1:1 Device Support and Trainings
iPad Support
Social Media & Digital Citizenship
Website Design & Development
Google Certification
Synergy Support

INSTRUCTION

Instructional Framework
Explicit Instruction (Anita Archer)
Writing: Regional Scoring, Write Tools, 6 Traits
NCCR Content Support
Social, Emotional and Cultural Learning
Visible Learning (Hattie Effect Size)
Engagement Strategies
Generation Z Learning
Kagan Cooperative Learning
Breakout EDU
Cognitive Coaching

YOUTH EVENTS

Quiz Bowl
Invention Convention
Science Olympiad
Future Problem Solvers (FPS)
Chess Tournament
Youth Leadership

MTSS

Academic MTSS
Behavioral MTSS (Ex: PBIS)
Intervention Strategies

It would be our pleasure to serve you!

Empowering Leaders Series

The Empowering Leaders Series is designed for principals, curriculum directors and teacher leaders. Possible topics include:

- Featured Speakers
- Professional Learning Updates
- NDE Updates
- Teacher/Principal Evaluation
- Instructional Models
- Leadership Development
- Continuous Improvement

Series Dates:

Day 1 – August 31 (in person)

Day 2 – October 5 (Zoom)

Day 3 – November 29 (Leadership rounds with Phil Warrick – cohort participants only)

Day 4 – February 1 (Zoom)

Day 5 – April 18 (Zoom)

LEADERS 2023-2024

Agenda for August 31st:

- Networking Opportunities - introduce new leaders in our region
- NDE Updates - Highlights from Administrator Days
- Jay Martin - Social Media in Schools
- AI & Leadership
- CIP Updates
- Promoting the Profession - Staffing * BRAND NEW educators, Current Reality, Mentoring/Supporting, etc.
- GYO Update - Celebrate

August 31, 2023

10:00-3:00 (in person)

9:00-10:00: Webinar with Phil for 'Leadership Round' Cohort participants ONLY



October 5, 2023

8:30-10:30



November 29, 2023

Leadership Rounds Cohort participants ONLY - school sites



February 1, 2024

8:30-10:30



April 18, 2024

8:30-10:30



Register: esn9.org

Content Area Cadres

2023–2024 Schedule

Ideas

Collaborations include time to share ideas, strategies and research about what is working in classrooms across the region. Sharing about success allows for professional growth, shared leadership and co-collaboration to make what works even more powerful.

Opportunity

Featured Speakers will provide the opportunity to experience new information and practices and the chance to infuse new understanding into a range of “best practice” tools.

Outcomes

Put it all together. Participate in ongoing conversations regarding the work of developing an engaged and enriched learning environment.

September 7 – HQIM Implementation Series Day 1

October 10 – Library Media Specialist Cadre

October 19 –Counselor’s Cadre

October 27 – Title I PLC

November 14 –HQIM Implementation Series Day 2

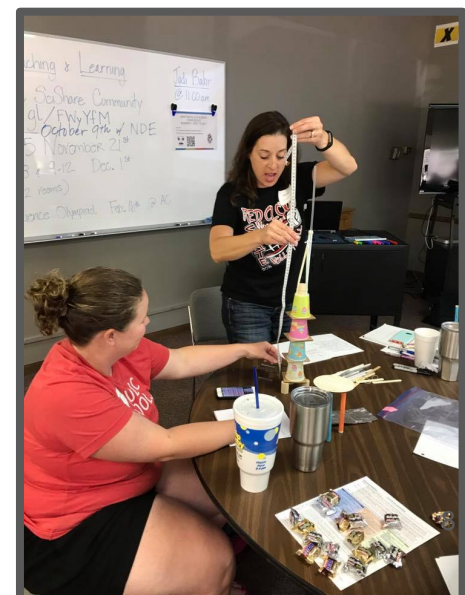
December 5 – PE Cadre

December 7 – Social Studies Cadre

January 25 – HQIM Implementation Series Day 3

February 14 – Music Cadre

April 3 – Art Cadre



Youth Events

Student Art Exhibit

August 28

Future Problem Solvers

September 27
November 29
January 17

Quiz Bowl

February 6 – Elementary
February 7 – High School
February 8 – Junior High

**Snow dates – February 20 & 21

***State High School Quiz Bowl – April 24

Social Media Teams

January 31

Chess Tournament

March 27

Invention Convention

April 17



Additional Information

On–Site Support

The Professional Learning Team is committed to supporting the individual needs of each district; therefore, we are scheduling on–going, on–site support for districts. These projects are designed to target specific needs of the many learners served by a school. Contact the PL Team (prodev@esu9.us) to schedule targeted professional learning events, technology integration, MAP support and more for your classroom, program or district today.

District Meetings

February 13th, 22nd, & 26th–28th
March 4th

Attention: Superintendents, Principals, and Curriculum Directors

These meetings will provide the opportunity for districts to collaborate with the Professional Learning staff in conducting a district–specific needs assessment regarding professional learning needs for the upcoming year. By collaborating with the PL Team, districts will have the opportunity to plan professional learning days and request specific on–site trainings.

Districts will have the opportunity to sign up for a specific time to meet with the PL Team over the course of these four days. Meetings will last approximately 90 minutes.

Literacy Support

Supporting the literacy experiences of all learners is a top priority for the ESU 9 Professional Learning Team. During the 2023–24 academic year, the focus will be on supporting the on–site work of local districts for targeted and highly intentional outcomes.

Instructional Coaching



Instructional coaching with LaRaesha Kugel is modified to meet the *individual needs* of your staff.
LaRaesha can:

- Come and *observe* in a non-threatening way to get an idea of the instruction and skills of the staff
- Meet with administration to discuss observations and what the main goal(s) may be as well as *support* analyzing data to guide goals
- Meet with the staff and talk about strengths I saw, ask about what goals they would like to create and *work together* to create goals that merge with administrative needs and staff
- Provide* resources, coaching, observation, feedback and check ins for staff



Teaching & Learning Collaboration



Jack is Back! October 23, 2023



Keynote Speaker: Jack Berckemeyer

A nationally recognized presenter, author, and humorist, Jack Berckemeyer began his career as a middle school teacher in Denver, Colorado. After only two years, he was recognized as the outstanding educator at his school and in his district. Jack has a master's degree in Middle Level Education as well as an administrator's degree.

For 13 years, Jack served as the Assistant Executive Director for the National Middle School Association. He is the owner of Berckemeyer Consulting Group where he has presented in hundreds of school districts and conference settings both nationally and internationally.

Jack is known not only for his keynotes and workshops but is also highly regarded as one of the best long-term professional developers in the country. Jack is best-practice focused and research-based. He is in high demand and enjoys working with districts that truly want to see measurable changes. As the owner and director of NUTS and BOLTS—the Never Boring Conference for Educators, Jack brings conferences for educators to a whole new level of engagement by focusing on best practices, and offering realistic and practical hands-on tools to increase success for educators, schools and students.

Jack lives in Denver, Colorado and has no pets or plants.

**TLC will also feature breakout sessions
from area educators!**

Time: 8:30 - 3:30

Location: Adams Central Jr-Sr High School

Register online at:

<https://connect.esu9.org/>

If you are interested in sending your entire staff, contact Laura Ochsner (laura.ochsner@esu9.us).

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