

## IN-SCHOOL TRAINING

Contact GVSU Charter Schools Office for a presentation to be scheduled at your school. Call (616) 331-2240 or email vosburga@gvsu.edu.

### Classroom Management

Turn Issues into Learning Opportunities

**Dan Matthews, field representative, GVSU Charter Schools Office**

Problem behavior is a major disruption to the classroom, making both teaching and learning difficult. You will learn to protect the integrity of the classroom while converting issues into learning opportunities that enhance productivity.

### Curriculum Crafter

A Solution to Time-consuming Curriculum Planning

**Danna Ferris, head trainer, Kent Intermediate School District**

Spend less time planning and more time teaching with this easy-to-use, Web-based curriculum tool, created by teachers for teachers.

### Technology in the Classroom

Get Web Savvy

**Dan Warren, field representative, GVSU Charter Schools Office**

Create a web presence for your students that will enhance teaching and learning.

### Reading

Provide a Strong Reading Foundation

**Wendy Miller, reading specialist, GVSU Charter Schools Office**

**Jill Weber, reading specialist, GVSU Charter Schools Office**

Significantly improve standardized test scores while enhancing the lives of elementary school students.

*There is a Reading Initiatives brochure that expands on all of the reading support available. Contact CSO for more information.*



## IMPORTANT WORKSHOP REMINDERS

- Most trainings take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Lunch is provided on site.
- Register on our website at [www.gvsucso.org](http://www.gvsucso.org) no later than 10 days prior to the class.
- Please obtain clearance for participation through your principal prior to registration.
- Attendees will accumulate hours toward the GVSU Charter Schools Office Academic Grant of up to \$50 per pupil for their school.
- Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits may be available for the workshops.
- If substitute instructors are required, substitution costs are reimbursable by CSO.

## GET THE MOST OUT OF EACH WORKSHOP

- Come as a team with two or three of your associates.
- Bring a challenge or problem that your school is facing (relative to the workshop topic) for a discussion of solutions.
- Participate in more than one session for a well-rounded knowledge base.

## TRAINING CENTERS

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## Fall 2011 Professional Development



[www.gvsucso.org](http://www.gvsucso.org)



Grand Valley State University Charter Schools Office has an exciting lineup of professional development opportunities for its member schools. The following sessions were developed with input from our member principals and are designed to impact teaching and learning the moment you return to work.

## WORKSHOPS

### Differentiated Instruction

Respond to the Needs of All Learners

**Jacque Melin, professor, GVSU College of Education**

Develop important, focused, and engaging instructional strategies to maximize the likelihood that each student is well-served in the classroom.

**WEST:** Friday, December 9  
**EAST:** Friday, December 2

### I've Got Reading Data, Now What?

Strategies for Interpretation and Intervention

**Jill Weber, reading specialist, GVSU Charter Schools Office**

This interactive workshop will teach you how to use the data from DIBELS, MAP testing, phonological screeners, and more to ensure that all children get a personalized reading experience. Discover how to help struggling readers and push advanced readers to the next level. Gain strategies for interpreting data and interventions for differentiating reading instruction.

**WEST:** Monday, October 3  
**EAST:** Friday, October 21

### Five Essential Components of Reading

Motivate Kids to Read

**Wendy Miller, reading specialist, GVSU Charter Schools Office**

Explore the five essential components of reading that form the building blocks for establishing a strong reading foundation.

**WEST:** Monday, September 19  
**EAST:** Thursday, September 22

### Technology in the Classroom\*

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**WEST:** Monday, October 24  
**EAST:** Wednesday, November 2

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**WEST:** Thursday, December 1  
**EAST:** Wednesday, October 26

### Intervention Training: Kindergarten

Specially Suited for Kindergarten Teachers

**Wendy Miller, reading specialist, GVSU Charter Schools Office**  
**Jill Weber, reading specialist, GVSU Charter Schools Office**

Educators receive training on a variety of reading interventions, including: KPALS, FCRR, Road to the Code, Signs for Sounds, and phonological awareness lessons from Reading A-Z. Kindergarten teachers and instructional assistants will learn how to implement interventions within their daily instruction.

**WEST:** Thursday, November 17  
**EAST:** Monday, December 5

### Intervention Training: 1st–3rd Grade

Designed with 1st–3rd Grade Teachers in Mind

**Wendy Miller, reading specialist, GVSU Charter Schools Office**  
**Jill Weber, reading specialist, GVSU Charter Schools Office**

Educators receive training on a variety of reading interventions, including: First Grade PALS, PALS, Sound Partners, Signs for Sounds, FCRR, and Making Words. You will learn how to implement interventions within your daily instruction.

**WEST:** Friday, November 18  
**EAST:** Tuesday, December 6

### Intervention Training: 4th–8th Grade

Created Specifically for 4th–8th Grade Teachers

**Wendy Miller, reading specialist, GVSU Charter Schools Office**  
**Jill Weber, reading specialist, GVSU Charter Schools Office**

Educators receive training on a variety of reading interventions, including: PALS, REWARDS, Sound Partners Plus, Making Words, and FCRR. You will learn how to implement interventions within your daily instruction.

**WEST:** Monday, November 21  
**EAST:** Wednesday, December 7

**\*Also offered as in-school training.**

### Become a Leader in the Classroom and School

Learn the Art of Leading

**Gleaves Whitney, director**  
**GVSU Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies**

Gain valuable insight into your role as a leader when you explore how emotions and relationships affect everyday issues as well as crisis situations in this highly interactive workshop.

**WEST:** Monday, September 26  
**EAST:** Monday, October 10

### NWEA MAP Training

Find the Story in the Data

**Lissa Weier, learning and communications specialist**  
**National Heritage Academies**

Dig through and use MAP data to form goals and objectives for individual students. Learn how to navigate the NWEA website and to use DesCartes efficiently.

**WEST:** Thursday, November 3  
**EAST:** Monday, November 14

### Writing

Boost Kids' Writing Skills

**Kara Green, second grade teacher, Douglas Elementary School**  
**Kathryn Kotowski, English department head, Hamilton Middle School**

This workshop will address the natural K–8 progression from learning to read, reading to learn, and being able to independently and successfully respond to reading by writing in a meaningful and quality format.

*Bring one or two writing graphic organizers and a student writing sample.*

**WEST:** Friday, September 30  
**EAST:** Tuesday, October 4

### Math RTI

Assist Children Who Struggle with Math

**Mike Klavon, math specialist, Ottawa Area Intermediate School District**

This innovative program provides schools with the tools to identify individual learning gaps and protocols for responding to targeted student needs. Implementation teams are trained to support initial implementation and sustain the DELTA MATH RTI program within their school. Teams consist of two to six participants and must include the principal.

*Math RTI training takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.*

**WEST:** Friday, October 28 — Ottawa Area I.S.D., 13565 Port Sheldon St., Holland, MI  
**EAST:** Tuesday, October 25 — Eastern Michigan University